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KEVIN Keegan said: "I am ashamed to be English." England's manager Ron Greenwood said: "I wish they would all be put on a boat and dropped in the ocean."

Words of condemnation for England's football fans who participated in the disgraceful riot on the terraces of the Stadio Comunale, Turin during England's opening European Championship against Belgium.

There is hardly a football enthusiast in Europe who would disagree with those sentiments expressed after Italian police had fired tear gas to break-up a moronic hoarde of drunken fans.

Unfortunately, they are only words. They are not a remedy. They do nothing to solve a problem which is slowly, but surely, driving well behaved supporters away from the turnstiles.

What father, in his right mind, would take young sons to football? If they avoid the violence, they receive an ear-bashing from foul-mouthed yobs.

Mindless hooliganism is restricted to only a small percentage of the 92 League clubs, yet no longer should club managements hide behind the excuse that: "It doesn't happen at our club."

It is the concern of us all. The Government, the football authorities, the clubs, the police, the players, the media and the fans.

Clubs of the magnitude of Manchester United have worked hard to polish images badly tarnished by their loutish followers. It is a start, no more than that.

Southampton run a Travel Club which is welcome at every motorway service area in the country. Commendable but only a start.

Other clubs are making encouraging progress too. The National Federation of Football Supporters Clubs launched a scheme last year called "Trouble Free Travel". It had Government blessing and was developed in liaison with police, transport and catering organisations.

There are no simple solutions. It is fairly obvious though that League clubs have not been tough enough on the hooligans. They have not shown enough concern.

It is sheer folly to spend £1 million on a player if a club has a hooligan problem. Better for them to invest in a cure for terrace violence.

Some suggestions for League clubs:

1. Issue all supporters with identity discs, bearing photograph, name and signature. Cards withdrawn for bad behaviour and no admittance either home or away;
2. Government to increase complement of railway police to shepherd fans to away matches by train;
3. Alcohol selling to be banned from grounds. Police on turnstiles to turn away fans suspected of being drunk on arrival;
4. Fans to be sectioned-off in smaller groups on terraces under stricter control of patrolling police;
5. Pools promoters to be encouraged to hive off some of their profits to aid national campaign to rid grounds of hooligan element;
6. Major clubs to consider all-seat stadiums.

The cancer must be removed before it is too late.

A new look Wolves — thanks to Andy Gray

WOLVES have just enjoyed their best season for years, even better than the 1973-74 season when they last won a trophy. Then, as now, it was the League Cup which adorned the Molineux sideboard, but the League form was nowhere near as good that campaign, for Wolves spent most of the season in the lower regions of the First Division table and were thought possible relegation candidates.

Former England striker John Richards was in both Wembley League Cup sides, and confirms the view. "That was a useful side, but we never showed the same form and ability in the League that season as this team in the past ten months," he says.

"It's been a terrific season for Wolves and at last I feel we're starting to quieten those old Molineux fans, who never stopped talking about the glory days of the past."

"The arrival of Scotland international striker Andy Gray for a record fee from Aston Villa changed Wolverhampton as a club and town. Everyone was talking about it and people at last realised we meant business. Spending £1.5 million proved the point."

"The town responded splendidly. The talk was suddenly about what this present side could achieve, rather than what all the

old sides had done."

Wolves' remarkable away record during the 1979-80 season made them one of the most popular sides in the country. Ten wins away from Molineux last season proves the transformation.

Can Wolves go on to win more trophies next season? European football will be a big attraction with a place in the UEFA Cup. And it seems that with the John Barnwell-Richie Barker team getting it right, anything is possible at new-look Wolverhampton.



John Richards (above) believes the arrival of Andy Gray (below) at Wolves has helped to put the club back on the road to success.

On their way BACK

Not so many years ago the names of Wolves, Sunderland, Sheffield Wednesday and Portsmouth were held in awe in the soccer world. Recent years have brought only struggle and disappointment for these former giants, but the signs are there that this famous four could be heading for more success.



League success before Cup glory for Sunderland

HAVING spent nine years of the past decade in the Second Division, it is not surprising that the success-hungry soccer fanatics of Sunderland are looking forward to the forthcoming season with even greater anticipation.

Having gained promotion in front of 40,000 ecstatic fans in their final game of the season against F.A. Cup holders West Ham, manager Ken Knighton can look back on his first season in charge with satisfaction.

He has successfully blended the natural talent left at Roker Park by his predecessors Bob Stokoe and Billy Elliott — players such as Shaun Elliott, Jeff Clarke, Gary Rowell and Mike Buckley — with the important signings of 'Pop' Robson, Stan Cummins and Chris

Turner.

Now Knighton faces the greatest challenge of his life in establishing The Rokerites back among the First Division's elite.

It will not be an easy task and one, we suspect, not many would envy. Yet Ken Knighton has already shown himself to be a manager with the courage and ability to take a calculated gamble in order to achieve his goal.

A mid-season clear-out appeared to have cost the club their chances of promotion, and the sale of Wilf Rostron in particular seemed to have turned the fans against him.

Yet his rearranged line-up produced the goods when it mattered most, and a late run helped them to a top three placing in the tight-

est of finishes imaginable.

The glory of a Cup run is all well and good, but Knighton is well aware that it is success in the League which matters most to the players, supporters and directors of Sunderland.

Billy Elliott was sacked when Sunderland finished fourth in the Second Division the season before last. We hesitate to suggest that the same fate is awaiting Knighton should Sunderland struggle in the First Division next season.

Such a prospect has probably not even crossed his mind, and with the backing of some of the most loyal and fanatical supporters in the land, Ken Knighton knows that he has the opportunity to establish himself as the man who brought the glory days back to Sunderland.

Bryan 'Pop' Robson will be worrying First Division defenders once again next season with Sunderland



TO THE TOP

Terry Curran — Wednesday's dangerman

WITH both Sheffield clubs in the Third Division last season, the football situation in that particular part of Yorkshire was obviously not a very happy one.

But after a successful promotion campaign, it's good to see Sheffield Wednesday and big Jack Charlton, back in the limelight. Charlton took a considerable amount of 'stick' at Hillsborough the previous season, when Wednesday could do no better than finish 14th. Only a titanic F.A. Cup battle against Arsenal, which went to five matches, indicated that Wednesday were getting it together.

But all that changed midway through 1979-80. Sheffield had two clubs near the top of the Third Division table, with Harry Haslam's United looking the likelier promotion bet for some time. But, as United fell away disappointingly, Wednesday turned the corner of the New Year to find some startling form.

They got close to the top and stayed there, matching Grimsby almost stride for stride. Grimsby were the first to clinch promotion but Wednesday had done enough well before the end of the season to make promotion a virtual certainty.

For Jack Charlton, it was a notable triumph. For the club and its finances, it was a vital success. A club with such extensive facilities and so large a ground as Hillsborough needs good quality football with reasonable gates.

Now, Charlton plans for life in Division Two. His star winger Terry Curran, who cost £100,000 from Southampton and had so much to do with the club's success, is sure to trouble many Second Division defences. The teamwork throughout the Sheffield side is such that they should do well in their first season back in the Second Division.



Sheffield Wednesday boss Jack Charlton (above) has already guided Middlesbrough to the First Division, and is now hoping that players such as Terry Curran (right) can help him do the same.



sion, and lay the base for an eventual assault on the First Division in the next few years.

Charlton had success getting Middlesbrough up from the Second to the First. Sheffield will find they couldn't have a better man at the helm as they bid once more for a place among soccer's big boys.

Pompey Chimes are ringing again

ALTHOUGH fourth place in the Fourth Division would hardly be considered an outstanding achievement by Portsmouth fans whose memories can stretch back to the League Championship winning sides of 1949 and 1950, there is no doubt that the famous 'Pompey Chimes' are ringing loud and clear once again.

Gate receipts last season were outstanding and some of the crowds were almost beyond belief for Fourth Division football.

Manager Frank Burrows received a standing ovation from thousands of fans after Pompey's final game of the season, a 2-0 victory at Northampton which clinched a promotion cause which had at one stage looked lost.

"The fans here must be the best in the land and I am glad we have been able to win something for them," said Burrows. "I certainly didn't count my chickens earlier in the season, but urged caution. I don't think we were guilty of easing off, but we did lack that vital bit of consistency in the middle. That very nearly cost us our chance of going up."

It's no wonder Pompey were followed by big crowds at home. They were big entertainers, scoring 62 goals in their 23 home matches; more than any other League side.

Fratton Park has been bitten by the football bug once again, and with players of the quality and calibre of Hemmerman, Purdie, Davey and Laidlaw at the club, Third Division football next season will present an interesting challenge.

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**'The day I cried for
English football'**

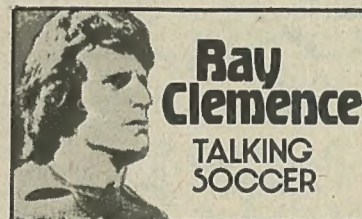
AFTER two years struggling to qualify for the European Championship Finals, the dreams and hopes of everybody connected with English soccer were destroyed in a couple of minutes by a few mindless morons who claim to be England supporters.

Their behaviour in our opening match in Italy against the Belgians can be described as nothing less than appalling, and if these are the kind of followers the England team can attract abroad, then believe me **WE WOULD RATHER TRAVEL ALONE.**

Of course I realise that it was only a small minority of Englishmen who were directly involved in the riot which caused the Italian police to fire tear gas into the crowd to disperse the drunken mob and indirectly delay the match for five minutes.

But it only needs one lout to misbehave to ruin everything we have worked for so tirelessly, and as long as there is just one yob among our thousands of true supporters — we don't want to know him.

Doubtless you will have seen the pictures of me literally crying through the effects of the tear gas, but while I was shedding tears out-



wardly, inwardly we were all sobbing.

I heartily endorse those comments made by manager Ron Greenwood after the game when he said: "I hope they put them in a big boat and drop them in the ocean."

Having been drawn in the same group as the host nation, we were hardly the most popular nation with the Italians anyway, but following this boorish behaviour we were made to feel about as welcome as lepers.

We were placed under even more intense pressure for our meeting in Turin, and this hardly helped us to achieve our peak form in what was sure to be our toughest game of the tournament.

On a more pleasant note, one team that doesn't have to worry about qualifying are Champions Argentina, who we beat in a friendly



at Wembley by 3-1. Two goals from my team-mate, Dave Johnson, one from Kevin Keegan, with Argentina's consolation goal coming from Passarella, who slammed a penalty-kick past me.

I received many letters about that game, and one I've selected to answer this week comes from Ian Redpath of Leeds. "Diego Maradona received a lot of publicity before and after the match. Did you think he lived up to it — or is he destined to be another shooting star who never lives up to his potential?"

I could play safe and reserve judgment on the young Argentinian, Ian, because it is still early days for him at the moment. A seasoned professional like me sees so many youngsters hailed as the next George Best, Kevin Keegan or Pele, we invariably adopt a "wait and see" attitude.

So I hope you'll be impressed when I label Maradona as the most exciting 19-year-old prospect I've ever seen!

No player has everything, that's impossible, but he has more ability than most: ball skill, vision, confidence to take people on, balance, superb finishing and a cracking shot. Obviously at five feet five inches he can't be strong in the air, but that's no criticism.



There's going to be a lot of pressure on the lad in 1982, but I'm convinced he'll feel at home in a country so similar to his native Argentina.

"I read before the European Championship, in an article mentioning the Italian 'keeper, Dino Zoff, that he is an exception inasmuch as he can play well behind a

packed defence. Is it true that most 'keepers dislike having a lot of defenders in front of them?" This question is posed by Alistair Murray from Dundee.

Yes, it is, Alistair, simply because we're restricted in our movements by a cluster of team-mates milling around, unsighting us, getting in the way and perhaps deflecting the

'How do I rate Diego Maradona?'

The young Argentinian, hailed as a new Pele, in action v England at Wembley.

two "exhibition" games to play, against fair but untaxing opposition.

The first was with a Bahrain Select Eleven, on a poor pitch of baked sand with little grass, and we won 2-1. Next we played El Nasar, who Don Revie now coaches, in Dubai on an astroturf pitch. Two years previously we beat them 5-0, and this time improved on the scoreline by winning 8-0.

"Did you win any personal awards this season?" asks David Jackson of Hull.

Only one — the "Save of the Season" accolade from the North-West region of Granada TV, for a save from Lou Macari at Old Trafford in the League. Unfortunately, there was no tangible award, such as a Cup or a plaque, for me to set amongst my souvenirs.

I've been amazed and delighted by the number of readers who've asked for information about my testimonial events. Such as the request from Janice Gregson of Dalston in North London: "I came along for your testimonial game against Anderlecht. Although it was marvellous to see Kevin Keegan in a Liverpool shirt again, I was a bit disappointed when your team lost 8-6. But it was an enjoyable occasion. Did the game climax your testimonial season or did more events follow?"

Two in fact, Janice. The first styled on the BBC "Superstars" competition, with my team competing against a selection from the Widnes Rugby League team, on their ground.

My team consisted of Phil Thompson, Dave Johnson, Phil Neal, Sammy Lee and Steve Coppell (Man. United). The opposition was captained by Eric Hughes of Widnes.

It was a light-hearted affair, as you'd expect. There was a 200 yards sprint relay, an obstacle race, a hockey match, target golf, baseball and a penalty-taking contest, with them using the round ball and us the oval one.

Everything depended on the final event, between Eric and I. Unfortunately Eric beat me and the final scoreline was 29-28 to his side.

A car meeting at Oulton Park, sponsored by Hitachi, rounded off a tremendous year for me, in which the fans gave me wonderful support. I'm very grateful.

I hope they'll give the same backing to Steve Heighway, who has served the Anfield cause so loyally!

Ray Clemence

'BEHAVE-OR WE'LL TRAVEL ALONE'



'My Superstars competition — a light-hearted affair'

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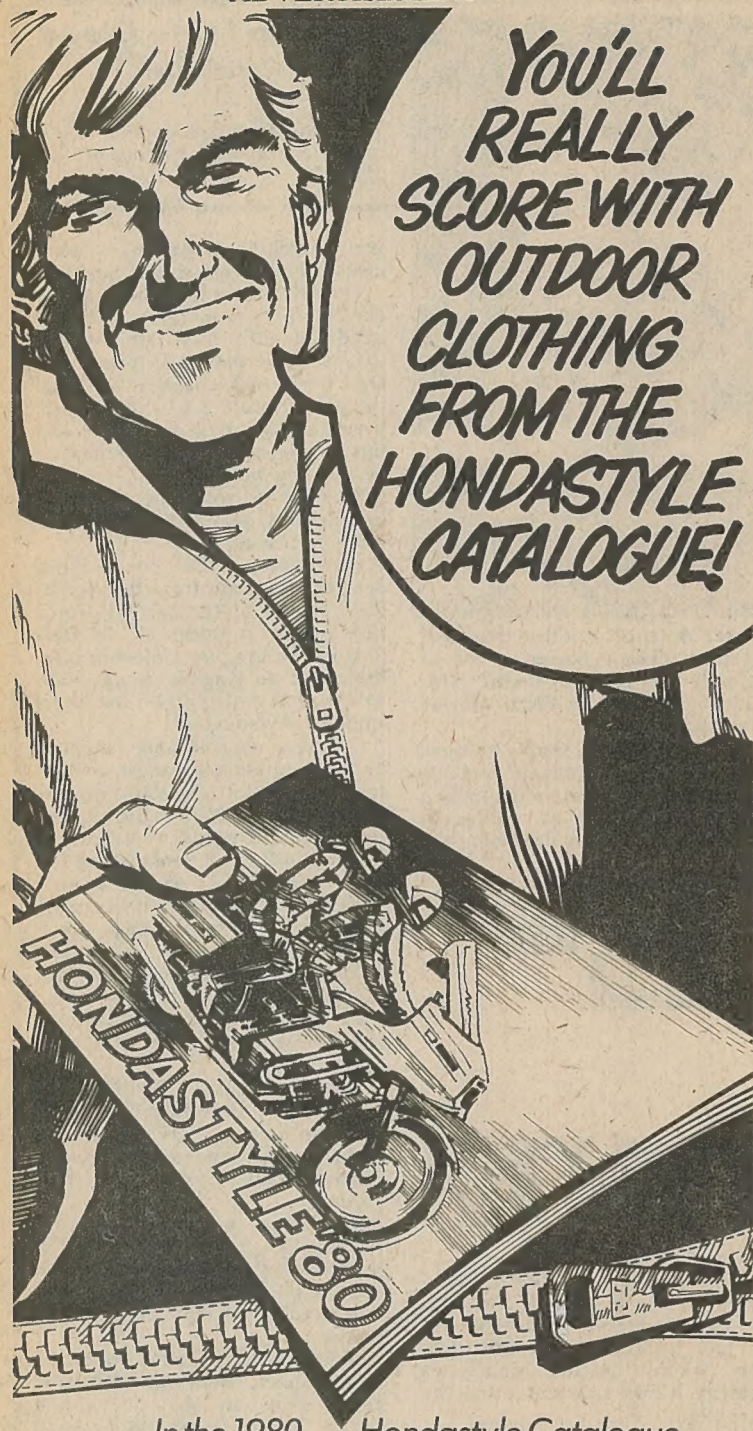
Every 'keeper at times is called upon to play in such a situation, including Liverpool when we'll have ten men back, but in a country like Italy where defence dominates strategy, it's the rule rather than the exception.

There, 'keepers spend so much time on the goal-line, actually guarding the goal and relying on defenders for the rest, they get little opportunity to deal with crosses and to dive at forwards' feet. This is something we've exploited to our benefit.

"I read that Liverpool had a close season trip to Bahrain, but I couldn't find any reports in the newspapers. Could you give me some details, please?" That plea comes from Jimmy Marsh of Dunstable.

It was a trip that came in for some criticism from the Press, Jimmy, who felt that the six of us England internationals should have spent the time resting in preparation for the coming European Championship after beating the Scots in Glasgow and not involving ourselves in matches against Arab teams.

But it was a marvellous holiday break for us in the sun, with only



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NOT many players claim a move to a new club has not worked out within weeks of their arrival. But for Colin Lee, his £200,000 transfer from Spurs to Chelsea has proved a disaster so far.

Lee got off to a bad start. A deal for a house he wanted fell through, and that was the start of four months misery for the Plymouth-born player. Chelsea boss Geoff Hurst decided to delay Lee's first team debut — and then injuries hit his new star. An ankle ligament injury, shoulder strain, knee trouble... all met Colin Lee head-on.



LEE'S LUCK RAN OUT — WHEN HE JOINED CHELSEA

"It was ironic," said Lee. "I'd had hardly any injuries before, but as soon as I got to Chelsea, I had a terrible run."

Lee's problems continued. It was not until more than two months after his signing that he finally made his first team debut in the Chelsea colours.

Unhappily, that wasn't the end of Lee's woes. By the end of the season Chelsea had missed out on promotion on goal difference, and Lee had been dropped from the team.

Dismal

He scored the crucial goal which gave Chelsea a point in their Easter Monday home game with promotion rivals Luton, but then faded from the scene. It was a sorry ending to what had been an altogether dismal season for Lee.

He admitted the disappointment he felt. "The injuries really set me back," he said. "I felt at one stage as though I was never going to shrug them off."

Despite the problems, Lee feels he did the right thing in joining Chelsea. "It was pretty clear I was no longer wanted for a first team job at White Hart Lane," he says.

"I didn't get a good enough chance to show what I could do there. I was in and out of the side too much without ever getting a really prolonged spell in the team.

"It was disappointing to leave Spurs. I'd made such a good start there that I never imagined leaving, but if things aren't going well for you, you have to accept the fact and do something about it."

Lee's debut for Tottenham was certainly spectacular. He scored four goals against Bristol Rovers to help Tottenham to a 9-0 win, back in October, 1977.

Lee's 11 goals that season helped Spurs win promotion back to the First Division, but once they got there, he could seldom hold down a regular first team place up-front. He was tried in several positions but eventually sold by manager Keith Burkinshaw.

Hurst, meanwhile, will hope Lee can recapture that earlier form next season.

Chelsea clearly need someone of his experience, height and versatility, and the West Countryman is a useful goalscorer, good on the ball and always liable to score goals.

Lee feels he can do it. He aims to throw off the bitter disappointments he suffered last season, and get back to what he wants more than anything — "scoring goals in the first team."

Lee's signature, £200,000, was a big price for hard-up Chelsea. Hurst will want to see some return on that money. Lee, too, is just as keen to prove his worth. It all adds up to some pretty determined people around Stamford Bridge.



Colin Lee (centre) scores his only goal so far for Chelsea, in a 1-1 draw against Luton at Stamford Bridge. Both teams eventually missed promotion.

ACTION EUROPA '80

Holland v West Germany produced five goals, and the tournament's first hat-trick for West German striker Klaus Allofs (right).



Belgium beat Spain 2-1 in Milan, helped by this goal from Eric Gerets.



Greece surprised a few people with their attacking approach. Here Nicholas Anastopoulos scores against the Czechs.

England's hopes of winning the Championship were dashed by a 1-0 defeat by host nation Italy. Marco Tardelli was the scorer.



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'New shirts suit me'

IT was the start of something new for Scotland in more ways than one when we went back to Belfast after a long absence in the British Championship.

On top of playing on Irish soil again, it was a first for the new Scotland strip which made its debut under the floodlights.

Scotland's new first choice outfit shows little change from the jerseys worn for the last few years.

The neckline has been recut to give an open necked appearance and there is an SFA badge on the right leg of the shorts, but otherwise it is almost identical.

There are, however, big changes in the second choice strip — the one worn against the Irish.

The former white, navy-trimmed jersey has been replaced with an eye-catching scarlet top with navy diamond trim. The strip is completed with contrasting navy shorts carrying the Scotland badge on the right leg to correspond with the home strip style.

Neat . . . and of big interest North of the border, for Scotland outfits far outsell their England counterparts and only the strip of Liverpool sells better than the dark blue jersey.

So perhaps it is no surprise that the launching of the new strips will mean a massive £1 million deal to Scottish football with the SFA collecting £250,000 for four years from manufacturers Umbro.

And what a marvellous thing that is.

If you read this column regularly you will know by now that I am all for sponsorship in the game and so this must be a big help.

Mind you, I am pleased that there has not been too much change in our first choice strip because pulling on the dark blue jersey has always meant something special.

However, I see no reason not to play around with our change outfit.

I only remember wearing our white jerseys on a couple of occasions, once in the 1974 World Cup Finals against Yugoslavia and once against Wales, and to be honest there is little traditional about white as far as Scotland is concerned.

Scotland and England have both changed their kit this year.



So we have gone for red with blue shorts . . . and why not? Scotland have never been shy about setting trends in football, as the decision to put players' names on the back of jerseys proved.

When it comes to football strips I reckon the American razzamatazz pays dividends. A little bit of colour and flair never hurt anyone.

My favourite strip though has

always been the Brazilian one with the yellow shirts, green-blue shorts and white socks. And it has added appeal in that shiny material.

I am fond of Celtic's change strip of all green, the one we wore when we played Real Madrid in Spain.

White socks and short sleeves are important, too, although short sleeves can be a problem on a frost hard pitch in December! White socks are the only ones which look good rolled down to the ankles.

Of course there are those of you who may be wondering what it matters anyway.

Well, let me say that it is a great psychological boost to go out looking smart and feeling good, just as

you do in a new suit.

Italian sides, whose players sometimes look like male models in their trimmed shorts and fitted jerseys, are off to a flying start because they feel like winners.

What a boost it must have been to them in the old days when they came out feeling so good and the British teams were kitted in baggy shorts and jerseys which had the shoulders down at the players' elbows.

Then, just as there are strips which I really like, there are those which I detest.

For example Newcastle United's has never been a favourite of mine. It looks clumsy and ill-designed and to tell the truth I think the same of Ayr United's outfit with the black panel down the side.

Modernise

Airdrie's, too, is a little old-fashioned which perhaps they might think of changing for life in the Premier Division next season.

Just as Celtic would never change their hoops, Airdrie would never lose their famous diamond, but perhaps as the Celtic strip was brought up to date they could modernise that Broomfield outfit.

For some clubs though the solution is more simple. Why not buy jerseys and shorts of different sizes and so stop the wee winger being drowned in the centre-half's size.

Wee Jimmy Johnstone used to have all kinds of problems with his kit. I'm sure he would have been even faster and trickier if he hadn't had to contend with the wind billowing up his outside shirt!

When you see that kind of set-up it is more like a comic strip!

See you in two weeks . . .

Danny McGrain



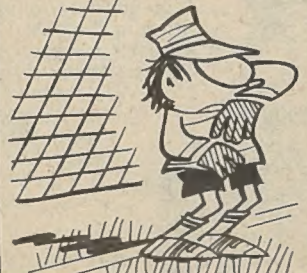
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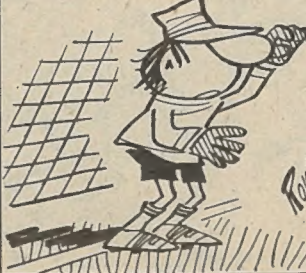
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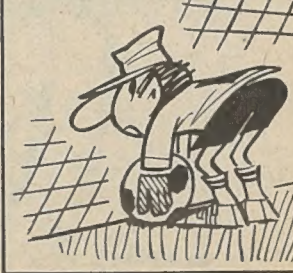
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THIS ISN'T QUITE WHAT I HAD IN MIND!



Brighton's MARK LAWRENSON has

'No regrets rejecting England'

EVEN though he was born in Lancashire, Brighton's central-defender Mark Lawrenson has no regrets about opting to play for the Republic of Ireland for whom he is eligible through his mother's birth qualifications.

"I've thoroughly enjoyed playing for them," Lawrenson stressed. "as it's enabled me to go all over Europe which is why I made the right choice."

"A lot of people have asked me why I didn't wait and see whether I could have played for England," Lawrenson commented, "but at the time I didn't think I was good enough. In any case who's to say that even if I were eligible I would be playing for England now?"

Lawrenson won the first of his ten caps four years ago while still at Preston where Nobby Stiles' assistant, Alan Kelly (also the Republic's assistant-manager) pushed the exciting 19-year-old prodigy.

"I felt strange playing in the first two internationals," Lawrenson admitted, "It was rather like going to a new club and getting used to the faces. After that there were no problems and there's a great atmosphere now."

After Lawrenson had joined Brighton for £100,000 in 1977, Alan Mullery tried to persuade him to change his loyalty and even wrote to the Football League to see if it would be possible.

"If they'd said yes I still wouldn't have been interested," Lawrenson

said for England.

"This is all very well now I've already played for Ireland but I think it might be different if I were only available for England."

"Obviously having played in the First Division has helped me but I feel it was through getting international recognition as a Second Division player which helped me adjust to the top flight quicker than most. There's not a lot of difference between playing First Division and international football — in fact some of the sides aren't as good as current First Division sides," Lawrenson reflected.

Another reason why Lawrenson is convinced he made the right choice is that having colleagues such as Liam Brady, David O'Leary and Frank Stapleton he is playing with some of the finest footballers in Europe.

"I think what we really lack is strength in depth through not having very many players to choose from. We've got a squad of 18 — most of whom are with English First Division clubs which means that any more will probably come from lower Divisions or from Irish football," Lawrenson pointed out.

"Hopefully this will improve now that we've got a youth set up and Under 21 side and from what I hear there are some very good young players coming through the system. One in particular is David O'Leary's brother, Pearce, who's only 19 and who plays for Shamrock Rovers. I'm sure it's only a matter of time before an English club signs him as he'll be a very good player," predicted Lawrenson.

'Difficult'

"However," he went on, "the overall standard in Ireland is pretty good although it's difficult to say whether it's as high as our Second or Third Division but one only has to look at players like Gerry Daly and Brady to see that it's not too bad."

While Lawrenson realises that Ireland are in a difficult group with France, Belgium, Holland and Cyprus he still feels they have a good chance of qualifying for the World Cup Finals.

"Our best chance is that Belgium, Holland and France have to play each other which makes it all the more important that we win our home games. It would certainly be great to qualify as we've never had much success in the World Cup," said Lawrenson.

Despite not wanting to play for England Lawrenson concedes that their present squad is their best for a long time.

"Ron Greenwood seems to have them playing for each other and I think they'll do well in the next few years, but at least I've achieved my main ambition of playing against them at Wembley which is a memory I shall always treasure," Lawrenson concluded.



Lawrenson gets in a tackle on England's Tony Woodcock at Wembley this year.

said. "I think the main problem about playing for England is that there are so many players to choose from."

"The hardest thing seems to be getting in the side. Once you're in it's easier because your name is there. Obviously playing in the First Division has helped get me known," Lawrenson continued "and I think that Ron Greenwood has gone on record as saying that I'd be play-

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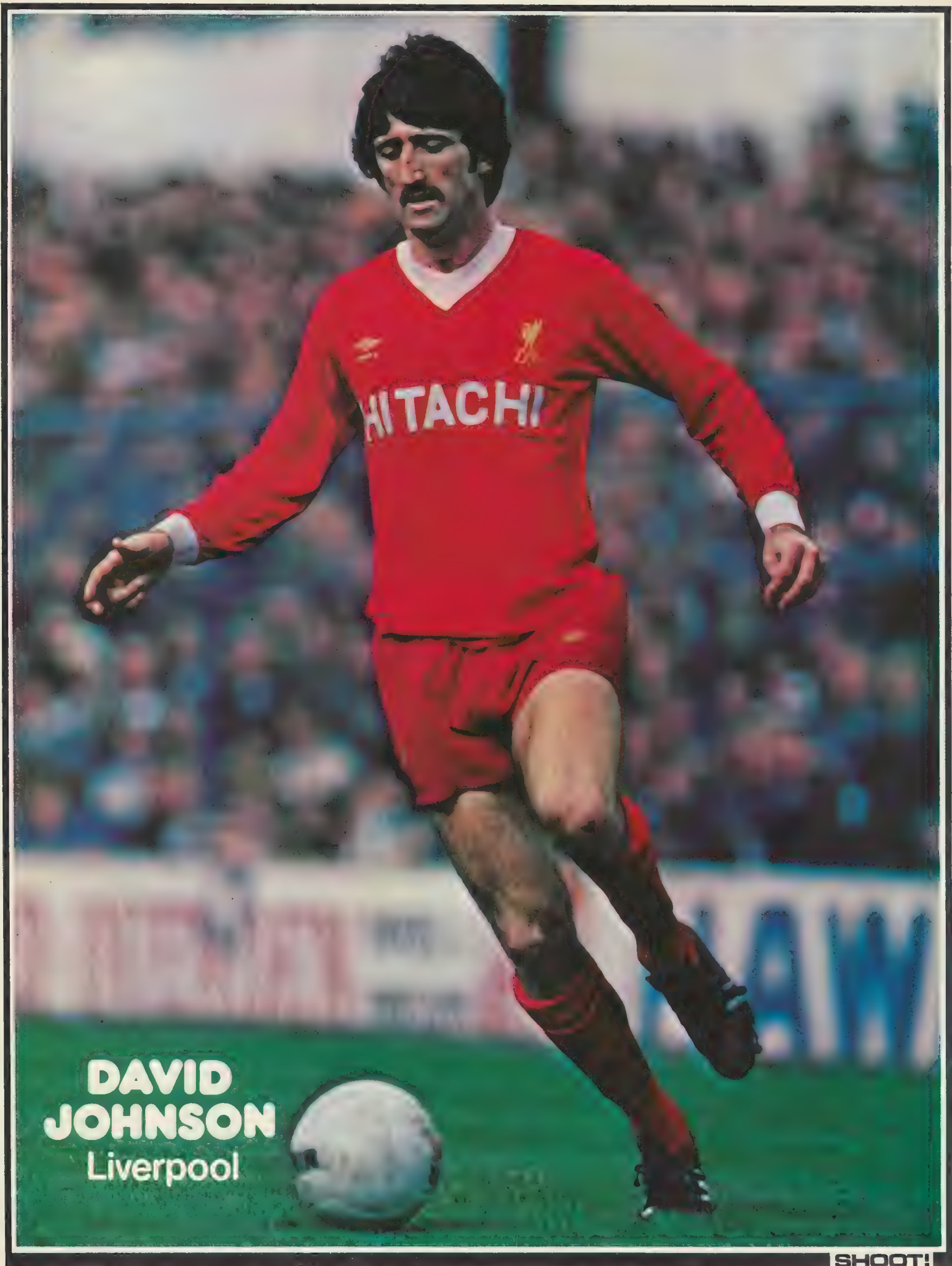
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ARSENAL will have the dearest season tickets in the First Division. A survey shows that The Gunners are well out in front at £110 for the best seats.

Southampton are next in line at £95. Saints are not a big-city club and are asking well above the big guns of Liverpool and Manchester. The big boost in prices at The Dell is no doubt due to the signing of world star Kevin Keegan.

Southampton fans should not mind paying to finance the "coup of the century".

The three promoted clubs — Leicester City, Birmingham City and Sunderland — will charge more than the First Division Champions and the mighty Manchester United.

Not that Liverpool or United will be short of cash. There are 16,000 season ticket holders at Anfield, and just under 20,000 at Old Trafford.

Middlesbrough offer the cheapest tickets at £50. Secretary Harry Green explains, "We have kept down our prices in recent years in a bid to attract support and to help fans who live in outlying districts."

"The directors have considered the travelling costs involved."

The full prices are:

Arsenal £110, Aston Villa £80, Birmingham City £80, Brighton £75, Coventry City £70, Crystal Palace £80, Everton £60, Ipswich £56, Leeds United £53.50, Liverpool £63, Leicester City £64, Manchester City £60, Manchester United £63, Middlesbrough £50, Norwich City £65, Nottingham Forest £75, Southampton £95, Stoke City £63, Sunderland £70, Spurs £84, West Brom £76, Wolves £70.

GOALDEN TEAMS

THE best-entertained fans in the First Division last season were not the regulars at Anfield, Highbury or Old Trafford... at least, if it was goals they were after.

The unfashionable outposts of Southampton and Norwich saw more goals than anyone — 77 altogether at The Dell (53 for and 24 against) and 68 at Carrow Road (38 and 30).

And there were some memorable games amongst them too. Who can forget Liverpool's epic 5-3 victory at Norwich when goals flowed with the exhilarating effects of football at its best?

Even on the last day of the season Southampton and Norwich kept their fans entertained — Saints beating Middlesbrough 4-1 and The Canaries winning 4-2 over Derby.

REMEMBER the arguments that raged when Kevin Keegan and Liam Brady last met? Johnny Giles incurred the wrath of everybody by claiming that Brady was a better player than Keegan in the England-Eire game at Wembley last February. Now the two world stars are due to meet again in a completely different setting.

Brady will be one of Shamrock Rovers guest players when they play Southampton in a pre-season friendly at Lansdowne Road, Dublin, on July 23rd. And Giles himself hopes to make a comeback in that game following a year of inactivity following an operation on his ankle.

SAINTS PIONEER ANTI-HOOLIGAN SYSTEM

SOUTHAMPTON are pioneering an instant portrait system for supporters which they believe will help curb hooliganism.

The First Division club has issued members of their Saints' Travel Club with identity discs.

The badges carry a colour photograph, name and signature of the holder and are made by the Travel Club on special equipment supplied by Polaroid.

Saints identity card scheme is already serving as a 'passport' to motorway service areas, many of which now ban football fans from their premises.

Southampton, whose fans are acknowledged as being among the best-behaved in the country, would recommend the system to other League clubs.

"It reduces administration costs and also reduces the problems which exist in operating a travel club," says Mike Murray, head of Saints' Travel Club.

"If supporters don't conform to the rules and conditions of the Club, they lose their badge. They are given a warning. If that is



disobeyed their card is withdrawn."

Saints are expecting a rush on

Polaroid portrait badges for the start of next season which heralds the arrival of Kevin Keegan.

GREEDY MARADONA

Diego Maradona, the Argentine wonder-boy, did not win any friends in Dublin by demanding £2,000 for a half-hour interview.

Briefly...

DISTILLERY manager Bertie Neill beat all-comers to the punch when he landed a potentially exciting quartet of big-time hopefuls in Northern Ireland Schoolboy international aces Steve Morris, Martin Crosse, Stephen O'Neill and Jackie Thompson.

EIGHTEEN miles of piping has been laid nine inches below the surface at Easter Road to give Hibs the first undersoil heating in Scottish football. The system has cost £60,000 and is the same as that adopted by Everton, Bolton Wanderers and Oldham Athletic.

COLIN Campbell, the young Hibs striker whose free transfer surprised Easter Road fans, will be back in the Scottish Premier Division next season — playing for Dundee United.

HEARTS manager Bobby Moncur recently gave an example of the kind of form he expects from his players next season in the Premier Division. Bobby, playing for an Edinburgh Select side in the testimonial game for former Hearts player and

coach John Cumming, scored two goals, one of them from the penalty spot.

MAURICE Cox, a 20-year-old striker with Torquay, has plenty to live up to in the game. His father, Geoff, gave long and valuable service to Birmingham and Torquay.

ALAN Nicholls, 17-year-old Bristol City centre-half, is hoping to emulate Trevor Francis, who went to the same school.

The Plymouth-born youngster also lives in the same district and represented the same schoolboy teams as Francis, the Nottingham Forest and England forward.

FOUR players with more than 1,000 League appearances between them will start the new season with a common purpose — to score their first-ever goals.

John McAlle (Wolves) and Steve Whitworth (Sunderland) have still to break their duck after each playing almost 400 games, and the same applies to Terry Naylor (Tottenham) and Roger de Vries (Hull), who are over the 250-mark.

MIDDLESBROUGH won the Japan Cup with a tense penalty shoot-out in the Final against Spanish First Division team Espanol. A

30,000 crowd saw their 4-3 triumph in Tokyo after the teams were level 1-1 after 90 minutes.

THE Northern League Challenge Cup will have a new name next season. The Turney Wylde Cup will carry a sponsorship of over £3,000. The financial backing is another boost after the successful first year of the Drybroughs Northern League. Blyth Spartans, who have earned F.A. Cup glory in recent years, won the Championship and £1,000 with Spennymoor United the £600 runners-up cheque.

HIBS will hold an Open Day for their supporters prior to the start of the new season on Sunday, July 20.

BERWICK Rangers goalkeeper Keith Davidson has been named by the club and the supporters' club as their Player of the Year.

PADDY Mulligan hopes to have European Champions Nottingham Forest as opposition to his International XI for his testimonial on August 4th.

STRANRAER, the Second Division club in the South West corner of Scotland, are planning to instal floodlights at Stair Park. It could cost them up to £20,000.



EVERY footballer's dream — holding a Cup aloft at Wembley Stadium. For young Jonathan Common it was realised when he captained St Mary's Roman Catholic School from Denton, Manchester to the E.S.F.A./Smiths Group Six-a-side Championship Final prior to the England-Scotland school-

boy international on June 7th.

In an exciting Final they triumphed 2-1 against St Cuthbert's from Grindon, Sunderland.

The competition was a tremendous success, in this its second year, with over 5,000 schools taking part in the qualifying stages.

STEVE Charles, a 20-year-old midfielder or forward with Sheffield United, comes from a sports-minded family.

The Sheffield-born youngster won badminton titles at Yorkshire and Sheffield level as a schoolboy.

His father plays cricket and badminton, his mother tennis and badminton, while brother Peter is a gymnast.

Liverpool spy on South African

LIVERPOOL look as though they have found the answer to one of their most worrying problems . . . who succeeds Ray Clemence.

The man with the best chance is currently playing football in the North American League, for Vancouver Whitecaps.

He is a South African international with the unlikely name of Bruce Grobbelaar.

Grobbelaar, 23, and 6' 2" tall was on loan with Crewe last season, and that is where he caught the eye of the Liverpool scouts. The Champions are expected to send a delegation to the States to talk to Grobbelaar, and persuade Vancouver to sell.

Grobbelaar's arrival at Anfield would spell the end for Steve Ogrizovic, who has been unable to displace Clemence.

Luton sign Euro star

LUTON Town boss David Pleat is rapidly earning himself a big reputation as a prince among close season bargain snatchers.

The innovative and progressive young manager of the ambitious Bedfordshire club recently snatched Radomir Antic, a 30-year-old Yugoslav international defender, from right under the noses of such European giants as Real Madrid and Barcelona.

Pleat flew out to Spain to watch Forest play Hamburg in the European Champions' Cup final and came back with a champion of his own.

Real Madrid boss Vujadin Boskov knew Antic was a fine player and, being a Yugoslav himself, would have been interested if he had the chance. But he already had two foreigners in his side.

So, when Antic's contract with Real Zaragoza was up at the end of the season, Pleat moved in before the rest.

Cowans for Forest?

NOTTINGHAM Forest want Aston Villa and England Under 21 midfielder Gordon Cowans.

Brian Clough is still looking for someone to replace Archie Gemmill. Peter Taylor has seen the impressive Cowans in action twice recently and Clough went along to see him against Coventry.

And when the Midland Soccer Writers voted Cowans their Young Player of the Year, Clough made the presentation and was full of praise for the promising youngster.

MIDDLESBROUGH won the English Schools' Trophy for the first time with a 4-1 aggregate win over Reading. Over the years Middlesbrough have provided a fair share of players for the professional game, including Don Masson, who played for Scotland in the 1978 World Cup. Seven of the current side are on the Boro's books with left-winger Stephen Bell strongly fancied to make the biggest impact.



Stars face critical season

NEXT season will be make-or-break time for two strikers who spent most of last season on the substitutes bench.

Liverpool super sub David Fairclough is anxious to win a regular first team spot or move on and the recent acquisition of £300,000 Chester striker Ian Rush is likely to increase speculation over his future at Anfield.

Manchester United's 19-year-old striker Andy Ritchie is another star anxious to establish his place in the side after turning down a £350,000 move to Villa last season.

Ritchie is confident he can make the grade with United next season and says: "I have no regrets about turning down the chance to join Villa, but I only want to stay if I can get a regular place in the side."

"If I cannot command a first team place next season I shall have to seriously consider my future at Old Trafford."

There will be no shortage of buyers for two of the most talented strikers in the First Division. Villa, West Brom, Birmingham and Brighton have all expressed interest and keep an eager eye on developments.

PAUL Sugrue, a 19-year-old midfielder or forward, has bounced back onto the League scene in style.

The Coventry-born youngster used to be on Walsall's books but drifted into the non-League scene with Nuneaton Borough.

But now Manchester City are grooming the former Warwickshire schools and Youth player for stardom after agreeing to pay Nuneaton £15,000 for him.

Young Paul showed his potential with his display in the 2-1 victory which brought an end to Ipswich's great unbeaten run.

JIM Montgomery is planning a return to the Football League. The veteran goalkeeper has already had two offers and is considering them before making a final decision.

Last season he was with Nottingham Forest and won a European Cup winners' medal without playing in a match.

Now he is a free agent and is keen to get back into the League fray — even at the age of 36.

He said: "I'm hoping to have at least another couple of seasons playing. I'm hoping to carry out a little coaching."

LUTON's veteran striker Bob Hutton, a hero of last season's promotion attempt, could be on the move before August.

He is in dispute with the club and, if agreement is not reached, he is likely to line up with his eighth club.

Now 33, Hutton still has much to offer any team in the lower leagues and Walsall, close to his home in the Birmingham area, is widely tipped as Hutton's next stop.



Heart-boy at United

JEFFREY Blay, aged six, enjoyed the most memorable day of his life when Manchester United invited him to meet their star players.

Jeffrey's joy disguised the fact that he has a heart problem and has already had one major operation and is undergoing open heart surgery.

He is seen romping around Old Trafford by courtesy of Lou Macari transport, flanked by Jimmy Greenhoff, United's manager Dave Sexton, Joe Jordan and Steve Coppell.

She's the Best



THE style is unmistakable . . . those dazzling runs . . . inch perfect passes . . . and deadly shooting.

Ireland have produced the nearest thing to another George Best. It's the former Manchester United and Northern Ireland idol's sister Grace Best.

She is 17, and her team-mates call her Amazing Grace. She recently won her first cap for Northern Ireland in a game against a Derry team. Naturally she took a leaf out of brother George's book and scored a goal in the 1-1 draw.

Big Matches book competition

WE ran a competition in May offering copies of 'The Big Matches' book. You were asked to answer three questions about cup matches. The answers were: 1 Liverpool, 2 Poland, 3 Malmo. The first 25 correct entries came from:

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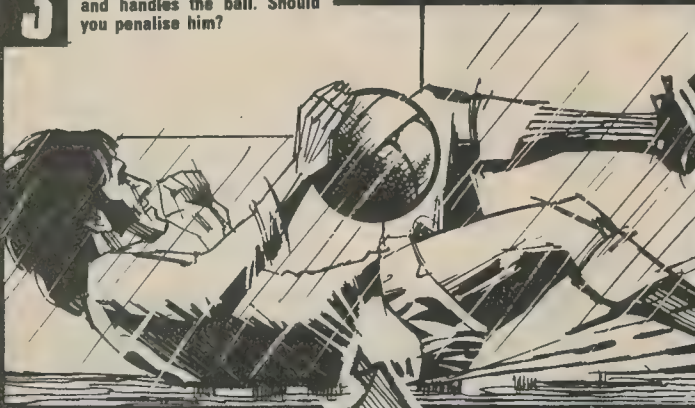
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THE reason England didn't win the European Championship is that we didn't play to our full potential. And I still can't put my finger on the reason why we didn't show the form we did against Argentina and Scotland during May.

Belgium made it very difficult for us in the first game with their defensive formation, they played what amounted to five across the back and the way they celebrated the 1-1 draw at the end of the game showed just how happy they were with a point. My goal in that game was scant consolation for a disappointing result.

It was always going to be hard against Italy and the stupid actions of a mindless minority of so-called fans made things even harder than they would normally be for us.

Defence

The turning point was when Ray Kennedy's second-half shot came back off of Zoff's left-hand post. I wasn't over impressed by the Italians. All that skill and they play eight in defence — at home, too!

We had chances — Kevin Keegan was unfortunate, and Kenny Sansom nearly snatched an equaliser in the last minute.

It wasn't an over-rough game, although there were one or two things that went unpunished. I'm not a dirty player by any means, but I suppose frustration was boiling over inside and I went looking for a tackle or two.

I'll go into more detail in my next column, discussing the entire competition, but whatever our fate, our preparation could not have been better.

We all realised just how important the competition was to England. I've been on tours before, but they were different inasmuch that

they were not for an international tournament.

It was easy to sense a change in atmosphere in the England camp as we met at West Lodge Park in Hertfordshire, our headquarters, although there was very little chat about the Finals.

We tried to relax and prepare for Italy and this was achieved by Ron Greenwood allowing his players to live as normal a life as possible. He imposed few restrictions and wanted us to carry on as if we were at home.

During the evening we could pop down to the local for a pint and a game of darts and some of the lads



Ray Wilkins
WRITES
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went to see the Derby at Epsom, flying there by helicopter. Many managers would frown at alcohol, or the squad going its own way. Yet none of the England players abused this freedom . . . we were always back at the hotel reasonably early and being able to go here and there meant we weren't couped up in the hotel being bored.

While we didn't chat a great deal about the European Championship, I'm sure privately all the players were thinking about the two weeks ahead. I was fully aware of the task we faced, and that it was my first chance to actually win something with England.

You've read many times how good the atmosphere is in the England camp and I make no apologies for repeating this. Even when we



'WHY WE FAILED IN ITALY'

"My goal against the Belgians in our opening game did not make up for a poor result for England."

a few shirts and jumpers all over the place. Apparently, later in the day, a member of the hotel staff went to their room, took one look at it and thought a thief had broken in!

The food in Italy was generally good. We ate steak and veal and pork chops when we could with, of course, the traditional pasta dishes such as lasagne. As far as I know there were no tummy troubles.

The Press, television and radio were at all our training sessions. Each day (except match days, of course) the players were available for half an hour before training for interviews.

I enjoy this, because I'll talk about football all day. What did annoy me a little was after the England/Belgium game when a television reporter had three minutes on satellite for a live interview. All he wanted to talk about was the fan trouble, not the football.

Admire

Kevin Keegan is tremendous with the media and fans. In this respect I really admire him. He never seems to tire of talking to Pressmen, who inevitably ask the same questions over and over again. Kev has never refused an autograph or a photo with a fan to the best of my knowledge.

We tend to send Kevin out first and while he's surrounded we nip round the back. Kev also makes a point to help the younger members of the squad such as Kenny Sansom and Glenn Hoddle. When Ray Clemence was left out of the Italy

"We had all the training and leisure facilities we needed at our hotel in Asti."



arrived in Italy, and the pressure was on, the squad was still relaxed and happy.

I'm glad we arrived in our Italian headquarters in Asti, about an hour from Turin, on the eve of the competition. Obviously once we were there we were under the spotlight, although the Asti Hotel was so isolated we weren't really pestered by anyone.

The hotel had a training pitch, tennis courts and other facilities. Harry Swales, Kevin Keegan's manager who handled the commercial side for the squad, had arranged for a television and a video, so we were able to watch a few films and recordings of old games.

Tidy

I roomed with Hadleigh, Trevor Brooking. 'Had' and I get on well and despite his snappy clothes and overall smart appearance, Trevor isn't the world's tidiest person in his room. Neither am I, and I kept expecting to see my wife Jackie come in and tidy things up.

Kevin Keegan tells the story of the time he and Emlyn Hughes roomed together. They must be the world's untidiest couple and upon arriving at the hotel, they decided to make themselves feel at home by leaving

game, Kev was the first to console his former Liverpool team-mate.

One of the points I did notice in Italy was how much Ron Greenwood and everyone paid close attention to those who didn't play. In fact, a reporter friend told me that at Ron's first Press conference, the first thing he said was: "The most important members of the squad are the six who won't be playing."

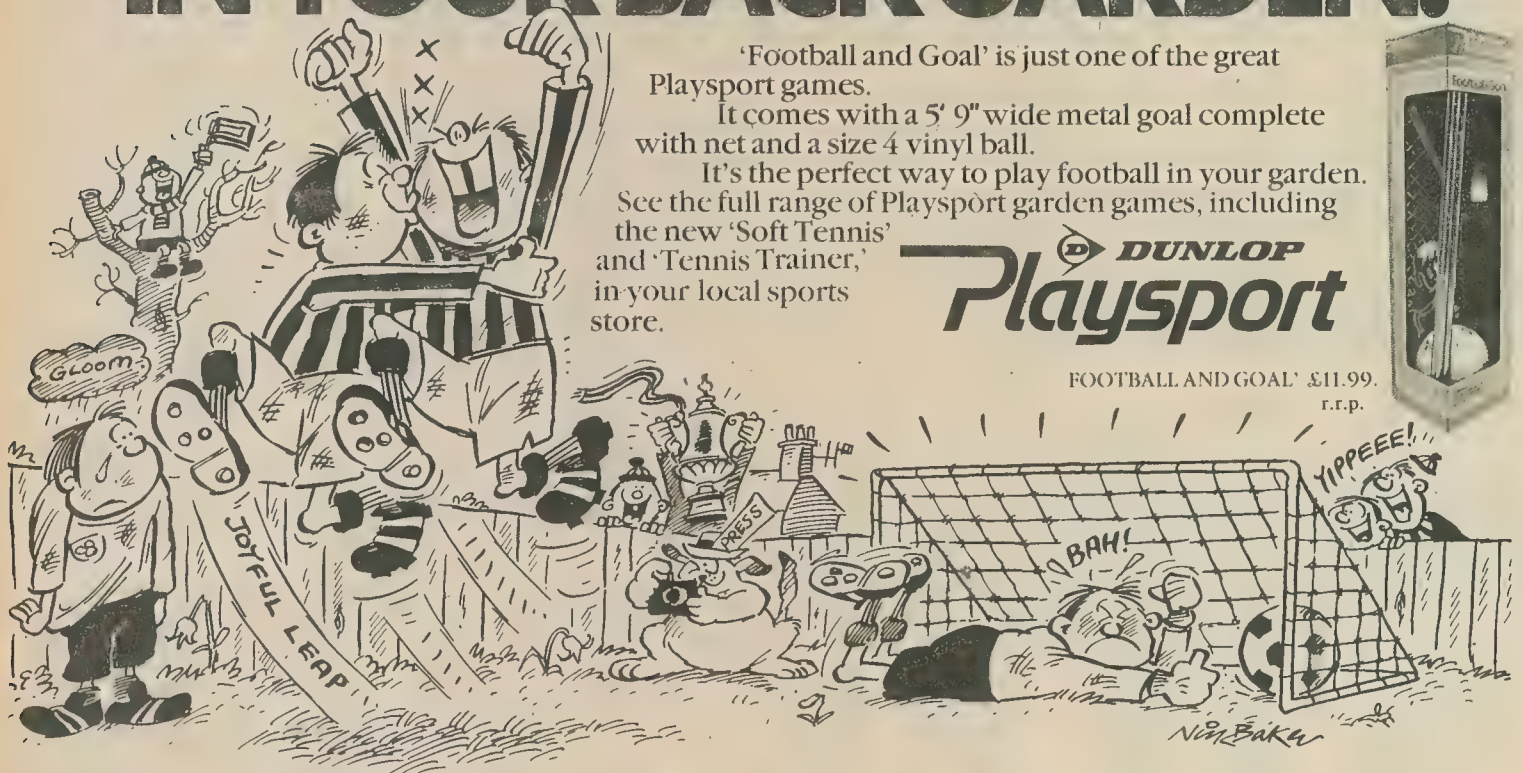
This is typical and the enthusiasm of players such as Joe Corrigan and the others went a long way to ensure there was no friction in the camp.

Joe turns up at every England trip, even though he realises he has little chance of playing. He probably trains harder than anyone and it's a shame he can't be rewarded with more caps.

The European Championship was a good experience, despite the downs. In my next column in two weeks I'll be giving my final verdict on England. Join me then.

Ray Williams

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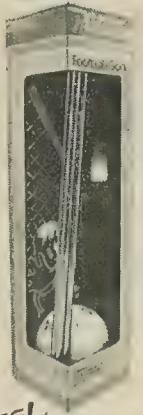
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Melrose (right) shows his pace against the St. Mirren defence.

MARKSMAN MELROSE another Wallace winner

JOCK WALLACE'S Scottish colony at newly-promoted Leicester City received another addition recently when the club swooped to sign Partick Thistle's Under-21 striker Jim Melrose.

The fee has still to be determined because of the new Freedom of Contract code, but Leicester should expect to pay something in the region of £250,000 for the 21-year-old marksman who netted 14 goals for Thistle last season.

'Trade'

"I've always wanted to have a crack at the English First Division," says Melrose. "I'm going to Leicester City to improve my game and learn my trade."

"I know I can only get better in England and I have complete trust in manager Jock Wallace. He is ambitious and that suits me."

"I could have stayed in Scotland. I almost joined Celtic. My grandfather used to play for them, you know."

"There was a great temptation to go to Parkhead, but, in the end, Jock Wallace won me over and now I can't wait for the season to start."

The elusive Melrose is certain to be a hit in the First Division. His waspish penalty box raiding is a feature of his play, but he readily admits there is room for improvement.

"My left foot could be better," he says, "and my heading has got to be worked upon. I'm confident,

though, that I'll get things sorted out at Filbert Street."

Melrose will not be short of Scottish company at his new club. The likes of Martin Henderson, Bobby Smith, Alan Young, Derek Strickland and Eddie Kelly did much to help the club to the Second Division title last season, and Jock Wallace obviously believes in a tartan backbone.

Not only Leicester were interested in Melrose, and Aberdeen boss Alex Ferguson wanted to sign him as a replacement for Steve Archibald, Aberdeen's £1 million export to Spurs.

Celtic, too, will be disappointed that Melrose has gone South. Manager Billy McNeill tabled a firm offer of £200,000, but Thistle boss Bertie Auld — a former Parkhead colleague of McNeill — rejected it.

Instantly

When English fans see Melrose in action for his new club they will instantly understand why he was such a sought-after player.

He is brimming with confidence and he relishes the thought of playing against Liverpool and Manchester United.

"I play better when there is atmosphere," he says. "England, I hope, will bring out the best in me."

The terrifying pace and pulverising power of Jim Melrose will certainly make their mark on opposing rearguards. No doubt about it.

Jock Wallace has come up with another winner!

TERRY Cooper will line up next season as the third player-manager of Second Division football. If he can achieve the same success for Bristol Rovers as John Toshack has plotted at Swansea City and Graham Turner at Shrewsbury Town, the game could be in for a new trend.

Player-managers were once rarely seen beyond the Third and Fourth Divisions, and the presence of three at the same time in the Second could set a pattern of younger men breaking into management. "It's a challenge I'm looking forward to immensely," says the former England full-back.

"I don't think, at least not at the moment, that player-managers in the top two Divisions is something that is about to take off. But it is a way of imposing your standards and ideas."

"The management part is done before the game: once the whistle goes your are in the hands of the players. But Rovers need someone on the pitch doing some shouting — and I'll be doing plenty of that."

"I hope it will encourage others to do the same. We've been a quiet side and, if I can find some one who responds to the demands of captaincy by forceful leadership, I'll make him the skipper. The more advice that is given between players on the pitch, the better the performance."

"There has to be more enthusiasm around the place and better organisation. I'll be looking for more dedication and plenty of hard work."

"The starting point, however, is getting a team. We have some fine young players and we are looking everywhere for more. I'm pleased with the natural talent of Michael Barrett, a youngster we've discovered in local League football who can play on either wing."

Rovers have always been a club that has concentrated on finding its own talent: both in the South-West and across the Severn Bridge in South Wales. The former Leeds, Middlesbrough and Bristol City favourite makes it plain, however, that this is only half the battle.

"What has to be done at the club

appeared in every department of the Rovers side.

He feels, too, that full-back Phil Bater "must be very close" to joining goalkeeper Martyn Thomas in the Wales national squad. "Although I've said that some young players have not come through as they should have done, Phil has made tremendous strides."

In midfield, Williams has been tipped for a Wales cap for over a season now because of his exceptional talent.

A sharper edge to his game must force Williams to the notice of Wales manager Mike England.

Cooper, unlike Toshack, who leads from the front, and Turner, who directs from midfield, will not tie himself down to any one role. "I'll fill in wherever there is a job to be done," he says. He is determined to rouse 'sleepy' Rovers and drive them out of their vicious circle of dismal campaigns.

Cooper aims to rouse 'sleepy' Rovers



is to make sure that young players of real ability do not fall away. A better knowledge of the game and improved coaching will do that."

There could not be a finer leader in that respect than Cooper. All his career, especially during the great years at Leeds, he was always in the thick of success.

Life at Rovers is certainly going to become tougher under the Cooper reign: it should also become far more successful for players like Gary Mabbutt, Phil Bater and David Williams.

Mabbutt is the 18-year-old son of one of Rovers' best known post-War players, Ray Mabbutt. This gifted all-rounder has captained England Youth already and

DO-IT-YOURSELF BREMNER

THERE is a rumour going around the Northern industrial town of Doncaster that Billy Bremner is about to set up in business as a do-it-yourself merchant.

Since ending a distinguished playing career with Leeds United, Hull City and Scotland to concentrate on the grey matter side of soccer, Billy has rolled up his sleeves, and done just about every job possible at Belle Vue. And he's loving every minute of it!

Last summer he grabbed hold of a paint brush and decorated the stand at Doncaster.

Victory

He organises everything at the club from the tea ladies rota to the team talks on a Saturday — a trick he learned from Don Revie in those glory days at Leeds.

And when the treatment room got too crowded for comfort last season, Billy turned the clock back, and stripped for action himself to lead Rovers to their first victory in six matches against Bournemouth.

Mind you he appears to have shed a pound or two since the days when he was dominating the Leeds midfield, so it was hardly surprising Billy was so effective, despite a two-year absence.

"Believe me it wasn't a case of getting itchy feet, it was simply not having anyone else to put in the team. Of course I enjoyed it. But I won't be making a comeback on a regular basis.

"Actually I'm enjoying the job very much. I did have some reservations when I started, simply butterflies I suppose as it was my first venture into management.

"I also said the minute I stopped enjoying it I would get out of the game, and that statement still holds true.

"So far I like to think things have gone pretty well. In my first season we had to apply for re-election, then I had a clear-out of the staff.

"I've had to recruit mainly free-transfer players and apprentices, but we have worked hard and there has been a steady improvement.

"We even started thinking about promotion when we won six matches in a row, and lost only once in 13, but after we were knocked out of the F.A. Cup by

Mansfield, the bubble burst and we went the next 11 games without a win.

"I'm satisfied with our final mid-table position, though, because all along I knew we weren't ready for the Third Division. But we used last season as a springboard and intend to have a real go next season.

"We've developed nicely and youngsters like Glyn and Ian Snodin, who was selected for the England squad, and Steve Lister, who can play anywhere, have great futures in the game.

"I'm really quite excited about the future of Doncaster. If we get a successful side the crowds will come flocking back."

"Doncaster are of one of those teams who seem to spend their time floating between the Third and Fourth Divisions, and I want that to change.

"Ideally, we will clinch promotion next season, continue to strengthen our side and then start thinking about getting into the top half of the Football League."



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PAUL Hart, Leeds' dedicated centre-half, will train on his own practically every day this summer.

He says: "I'll go on a lot of runs and do exercises. I like to keep fit and it makes things much easier when you get back for pre-season training."

Hart's performances last season led his manager Jimmy Adamson to describe him as one of the best central defenders in English football. According to Adamson, he should be in the England party.

Says Hart: "I feel I've made

began to wonder whether he'd ever make it as a First Division player.

"The fee played a big part in that. I think I was the most expensive, uncapped player to come out of the Second Division and I felt I had to justify the heavy price paid for me.

"It was a shaky start but I now feel that I've settled into First Division soccer."

The one thing that disappointed Hart about last season was the way he got himself into trouble with referees.

"I missed a lot of games through suspension and as I was injured a few times as well, I didn't play as many games as I should have."

He was sent-off against Manchester City after swinging a punch at Mick Robinson — and he wouldn't deny that he deserved it.

"I just lost control. The club fined me because they were con-

cerned about my reaction and I was concerned too.

"I think my disciplinary problems were really brought about by my trying too hard. I want to win every tackle, every challenge, but I realise now that it's not always possible.

"I feel that I've overcome that particular problem now and next season, I don't intend to miss any games through suspension."

Respectability

Leeds introduced quite a few young players into their team last season but it was the old hands who did most to stifle the threat of relegation and lift Leeds to First Division respectability.

"Eddie Gray had a great season and hopefully, he'll be able to go on in the same vein next time. Trevor Cherry and Paul Madeley were very consistent, too — I've

learned a lot from playing alongside them in defence."

To Hart, any season at Leeds where they're not pressing for an honour or two has to be a big disappointment.

"Leeds have always been regarded as one of the top teams and I feel they ought to be back up there. I didn't ever think we were in serious danger of relegation last term but it still wasn't a good season.

"Let's face it, no one likes wallowing in mediocrity, which sums up our season."

Hart has done a lot to make the Leeds defence strong again, as it was in the days of Reaney, Cooper and Hunter.

But surprisingly, for a back-four player, he's looking for improvement in his game at the other end of the park.

He says: "I go up for set pieces and I usually average about five or six goals a season. But I feel I ought to have a few more.

"I should have had 12 last season but I missed a few good chances. I'd certainly like to get into double figures in 1980-81."

steady improvement since coming to Leeds. I hope I can continue to do so.

"I've started to take more responsibility on the pitch and last season, I even skippered the side a few times. I think my all round game has improved and I'm a lot more confident."

Hart was almost a nervous wreck when he signed for Leeds from Blackpool for £350,000 a couple of years ago.

He had such a bad start that he

HART of Leeds

Hart is hoping to succeed in the England team one day.

This week's Star Letter comes from Neil Seaman of Billingham, who wins our Special Prize of £5. He writes:

KEEGAN DEAL WILL TURN SOUR

★ I feel that Southampton's dramatic signing of Kevin Keegan will turn sour. We all know Kevin responds defiantly and shrewdly to pressure either on or off the field, but the pressures he will put up with at The Dell will be too much.

Think on — he is the England pin-up boy in terms of football and will obviously be expected to perform miracles for the Southampton fans and, indeed, the media.

Obviously Keegan's presence next season will put Southampton in the spotlight, but success for the football team will be beyond them, even for Keegan. One thing Keegan should do at Southampton and that is to get rid of the "unfashionable" tag hanging round their modest stadium.

● It's a pity Saints couldn't have given Keegan European soccer, but as Kevin has won every challenge during his career so far, it is unwise to underestimate him.

Arsenal's TV snub

AFTER another exciting season of European football I would like to tell the B.B.C., and I.T.V., that there is another English club who have done well in Europe — they are Arsenal.

Arsenal have now played 14 consecutive games in Europe and only one of them has been shown on television apart from the goals.

I agree with anybody who says Arsenal have not been setting Europe on fire with their displays, but nor have Everton, Ipswich, etc., and they have had T.V. coverage.

I congratulate Radio 2 because they try to give every team one commentary.

PHILIP BLACKMAN,
WARBOYS

● A shame Gunners didn't do themselves justice in the Cup-Winners Cup Final which was shown live.

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RECENTLY there has been a lot of publicity about players wearing shirts with advertising on them and if they do then soccer on T.V. will be stopped.

The point is that there are adverts all around the pitch.

ALISON NEWBALD,
TETTENHALL

● I sometimes wonder who runs football — the game's authorities or television.

On the ball

I congratulate SHOOT on the accuracy of their articles. For example, the article about Peter



Cormack being ready to succeed Eddie Turnbull as manager of Hibernian, in the issue dated 26th April.

No sooner had I read this when I looked at the sports page in the paper. The headlines were 'Hibs axe Turnbull'.

It went on to say that they had appointed a caretaker manager, Willie Ormond, until the end of the season with Peter Cormack favourite to succeed Turnbull.

J. NORRIS,
WOODFORD GREEN

● Ormond has a two year contract, I believe, but at the end of that I wouldn't be surprised if Cormack took over.

Tough at the bottom

WITH the Football League's annual meeting only a few weeks ago, fans were wondering whether this would be the end of League football for one or more clubs at the bottom of Division Four.

Sadly in the last 20 years we have lost Accrington, Gateshead, Bradford, Barrow, Workington and Southport. All their replacements have fully justified their election, but how much healthier it would

non-League club?

IAN MONTELLIER,
LONDON, N4

● Well, I can certainly think of one such instance, Ian — and that was when they were "done" by Worcester City on 10th January, 1959.

That was in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup — and the Southern Leaguers hit the headlines by winning 2-1.

Black stars

Which black player has been the most successful in English football?

USMAN COLLECTOR,
ZAMBIA

● Only a few years ago that question wouldn't have been too difficult, Usman — as they were so few and far between that, in most big games, the only "man-in-black" was the ref!

be if the teams voted out had a realistic chance of climbing back — say by automatic promotion and relegation between Division Four and the Alliance League.

I. J. RYDER,
TUNBRIDGE WELLS

● A few years ago Newport County nearly went out of the League. Now, they've bounced back and are even in Europe next season. We almost lost Rochdale, and while it would have been sad if they'd gone, I feel sorry for Altrincham, who have done exceptionally well.

Pen-Pal

I'M a 16-year-old Italian boy. I love English soccer and would like to have pen-pals who support Spurs, Swansea and Sunderland. My team is Juventus.

ARTURO BRUNETTO,
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10144 TORINO, ITALY

SHOOT in Argentina

I WENT along to a local sports club to play tennis, wearing the SHOOT T-shirt you had kindly sent me. To my surprise, the Argentina squad were there training in preparation for their European tour. Many of the Argentina squad knew of your magazine — here I am with a nephew, pictured with Alberto Tarantini, no stranger to England fans.

TITO CORREA,
BUENOS AIRES

● Nice to know the World Champions are SHOOT supporters!



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World Cup birth

I'd like to know if there was a World Cup match played on the day I was born — 28th July, 1966?

ANTHONY DOHERTY,
BIRMINGHAM

● Yes, there was, Anthony — a third-place game at Wembley between the beaten Semi-Finalists in which Portugal defeated Russia 2-1.

Of course, if only you and your Mum could have waited just another 48 hours, you'd have been spot-on with England's 4-2 World Cup Final win against West Germany.

'Pool beaten by non-Leaguers

Have Liverpool ever been beaten by a

non-League club?

But nowadays, with so many good 'uns around, it's not so easy. There's not much to choose between England internationals Laurie Cunningham (now with Real Madrid) and Viv Anderson, for instance — with the promising likes of Luther Blissett, Vince Hilaire, Garth Crooks and the rest all coming up on the rails.

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CROSS CHASES GOAL-A-GAME

WEST HAM'S F.A. Cup winner David Cross cannot remember how many times he's scored two goals in a game and just failed to get a hat-trick.

He's managed four hat-tricks in his career — two for West Ham and two for West Brom — but he could have had a lot more.

He says: "It's not failing to get the third that bothers me. It's when I don't score at all that I get upset."

"I aim to score at least once in every game. The way I look at it is that unless I'm very unlucky, at least one chance is going to come to me in the 90 minutes, even if it's a very difficult chance. So my target is to put it away."

Cross did a pretty good job of scoring last season as West Ham challenged for a promotion place, failed and then beat Arsenal to win the F.A. Cup in a fine match at Wembley.

"I've scored around 17 or 18 goals in most seasons I've played and I've always been a little disappointed that I haven't got a few more."

"I suppose all strikers have the

same attitude, and the day I am satisfied with my total is the day I will hang up my boots."

Cross is rightly disappointed at West Ham's failure to win promotion last season, but is optimistic about the team's chances next term.

"There used to be a time when, if we were a goal down that was that. These days we keep coming back from a goal down."

"I don't want to make any predictions about promotion but obviously, we'll be in a good position and probably the team the others will be looking at."

Impressed

Cross was particularly impressed by the performances of the younger players in the West Ham side last season.

"Ray Stewart did very well at full-back. He is only 21 but as a player, he's a lot more mature than that. He showed his calm by slotting home the last minute penalty that beat Aston Villa in the Cup Quarter-Final."

"Alvin Martin has really come good in the centre of defence, and

could play for England one day.

"Paul Allen did well in midfield, too, Alan Devonshire and Trevor Brooking are the players who do it all on the ball but Paul is the one who wins it for them. He really buzzes about."

"Up-front, the job of myself and the other strikers is to create space for the Brookings and Devonshires to run into."

Brooking, of course, continues to be one of the most elegant midfield players in the country and Cross admits that The Hammers rely heavily on him.

"Basically, we play around Trevor — we give him the ball and let him get on with it."

Apart from his injury lay off, it was a successful season for David Cross.

"Going to Wembley and winning has obviously done our confidence a power of good."

"But we can't afford to relax next season. Every team will be out to beat the Cup-holders and that will make it extra tough for us to gain our goal of promotion."

"But nowadays I'm sure Hammers have enough steel to take it."

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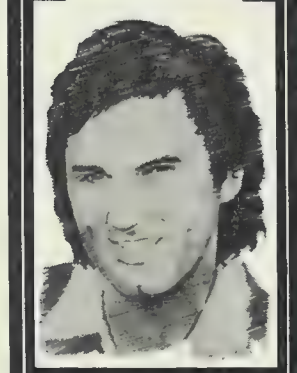
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BIRTHDATE: 26th June, 1954

HEIGHT: 5ft 11ins

WEIGHT: 12st 6lbs

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Lagun Onak, San Sebastian

MARRIED: Yes, to Isabel

CHILDREN: A son, Luis

CAR: Ford Fiesta 1300 S

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Sepp Maier, Jose Iribar, the two best 'keepers I've seen

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: San Sebastian

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Johan Cruyff. You never knew when or where he was going to shoot

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Our 4-0 victory over Real Madrid earlier this season

BIGGEST THRILL: Making the grade with Real Sociedad

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: A 5-1 defeat by Atletico Madrid in Cup Semi-Final

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Switzerland

FAVOURITE FOOD: Baby squid and salted cod prepared in the Basque style

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Playing tennis and Basque pelota; reading novels; folk music

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES:

'Concentrations' before matches. All that hanging around in hotels bores me stiff

FAVOURITE TV SHOWS: Spanish TV is terrible. I never watch it. I watch some programmes that we pick up from France

FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Al Pacino, Glenda Jackson

BEST FRIEND: My school-friend, Inigo Rodrigo

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Brother Fermin and Constantino Prez Barba, who gave me my early coaching at the La Salle School. But mainly Javier Expósito, the boss of Real Sociedad's nursery side, San Sebastian

BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Letting in a stupid goal. You wish you could bury yourself under the grass.

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Youth and Olympic international. Full caps.

PERSONAL AMBITION: To help Real Sociedad and Spain to top honours.

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: The same, and then to build a good career based on my studies of Commerce.

IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? A fairly normal sort of office worker!

WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Adam and Eve!



**KARL-HEINZ
RUMMENIGGE
WEST GERMANY**

FULL NAME: Karl-Heinz

Rummenigge

BIRTHPLACE: Lippstadt

BIRTHDATE: September 25th, 1955

HEIGHT: 5ft 11½ins

WEIGHT: 11st 9lbs

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Borussia Lippstadt before Bayern Munich

MARRIED: To Martina, who is 22

CHILDREN: One son, Andre

CAR: Mercedes 280 CE

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Pele

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Only Bayern Munich!

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: None

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:

Beating St-Etienne 1-0 in the 1976 European Cup Final in Glasgow

BIGGEST THRILL: As above

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: When my cocker spaniel was run over and it died

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: United States

FAVOURITE FOOD: Fish

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Squash, tennis, music, reading

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Lies

FAVOURITE SINGERS: Bee Gees

FAVOURITE ACTOR: Alain Delon

BEST FRIENDS: My wife; some of the Bayern lads, notably Uli Hoeness, Durnberger and Horsmann

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Simply playing in the best German team

BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: There aren't any!

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: West German full international

PERSONAL AMBITION: To become independent through soccer

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win the European Championship

IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? Interior decorator

WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? U.S. President Jimmy Carter

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**FRANCO
CAUSIO
ITALY**



FULL NAME: Franco Causio
BIRTH PLACE: Lecce
BIRTHDATE: 1st February, 1949
HEIGHT: 5ft 9ins
WEIGHT: 11st 4lbs
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Lecce, Sambenedettese, and on loan to Reggina and Palermo
MARRIED: To Virginia
CHILDREN: Barbara (8) and Francesco (3)
CAR: Autobianchi 112
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Hans Krankl of Austria
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Liverpool
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Bernard Dietz of West Germany
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: 1-0 win against Argentina in the 1978 World Cup
BIGGEST THRILL: Finishing in fourth place in the last World Cup, especially after all the criticism we had when we left Italy
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being knocked out by Poland in '74
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: United States
FAVOURITE FOOD: Rigatoni al pomodoro
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Reading and listening to music
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Nothing in particular

FAVOURITE TV SHOWS: The news
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Bee Gees
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Dustin Hoffman and Sidney Rome
BEST FRIEND: Pinuccio Cicanese, my business partner
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Attilio Adamo, he was in charge of the Lecce youth team when I started
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: The "hide-out" before matches
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Full caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be successful in my insurance business
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win the European Cup with Juve
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? I would have carried on with my studies.
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Frank Sinatra

Franco Causio

**ERNIE BRANDTS
HOLLAND**



FULL NAME: Ernestus Wilhelmus Johannes Brandts
BIRTH PLACE: Nieuw-Dyk, Holland
BIRTHDATE: February 3, 1956
HEIGHT: 6ft 3ins
WEIGHT: 12st 5lbs
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Sprinkhanen and Graafschap
MARRIED: Yes
CHILDREN: In about three months time
CAR: Volkswagen Scirocco 6LI
FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Pele, Wim Van Hanagem and Kevin Keegan
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAMS: Arsenal, Hamburger SV
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Roberto Bettega of Italy
MOST MEMORABLE MATCHES: Holland v Italy in the World Cup and PSV v Magdeburg in the U.E.F.A. Cup
BIGGEST THRILL: Scoring two goals in both above games v Italy and Magdeburg
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing in the World Cup Final to Argentina and losing to Glasgow Rangers in the U.E.F.A. Cup
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Argentina
FAVOURITE FOOD: Chinese food and steak with sauces
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Tennis, table tennis, dancing, fast cars and watching football games
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Traffic jams, running out of petrol
FAVOURITE TV SHOWS: Music programmes, all sports programmes

and good films
FAVOURITE ACTORS/ACTRESS: Charles Bronson, Jean Paul Belmondo/Raquel Welch
BEST FRIEND: My dog Kevin (Keegan)
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: The Dutch team in Argentina. Before then nobody had paid much attention to me
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Rod Stewart, Dire Straits, Earth Wind & Fire, Sister Sledge
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: A five match ban for getting three yellow cards
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Many full caps for Holland
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy with my wife and children
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win the European Cup with PSV
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? Professional cyclist
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Pele. He has always been my hero.

Ernie Brandts

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(Across for home results and down for away)	ABERDEEN	CELTIC	DUNDEE	DUNDEE UTD	HIBS	KILMARNOCK	MORTON	PARTICK	RANGERS	ST. MIRREN
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CELTIC	1-2 1-3	—	3-0 2-2	2-2 1-0	3-0 4-0	5-0 2-0	3-2 3-1	5-1 2-1	1-0 1-0	3-1 2-2
DUNDEE	0-4 1-3	5-1 0-2	—	1-0 1-1	2-1 3-0	3-1 0-2	4-3 1-0	2-2 1-1	3-1 1-4	4-1 1-3
DUNDEE UTD	1-3 1-1	0-1 3-0	3-0 2-0	—	2-0 1-0	4-0 0-0	2-0 2-0	2-1 0-0	0-0 0-0	0-0 0-0
HIBS	1-1 0-5	1-3 1-1	5-2 2-0	0-2 0-2	—	1-1 1-2	1-1 3-2	2-1 0-1	1-3 2-1	0-2 2-1
KILMARNOCK	0-4 1-3	2-0 1-1	3-1 1-1	1-0 0-0	1-0 3-1	—	1-1 0-2	0-1 0-1	2-1 1-0	1-1 1-1
MORTON	3-2 1-0	1-0 0-1	2-0 1-1	4-1 0-0	2-0 1-1	3-1 1-2	—	2-1 1-3	0-1 0-1	0-0 2-1
PARTICK	1-0 1-1	0-0 1-1	2-3 3-1	1-1 2-2	2-1 1-0	0-0 1-1	1-4 0-1	—	2-1 4-3	1-1 1-2
RANGERS	0-1 2-2	2-2 1-1	2-0 1-0	2-1 2-1	2-0 1-0	2-1 1-0	2-2 3-1	2-1 0-0	—	3-1 1-2
ST. MIRREN	2-2 1-1	2-1 0-0	4-2 2-1	3-2 2-1	2-1 2-0	2-2 3-1	0-3 2-2	1-2 3-0	2-1 4-1	—



Rangers' Davie Cooper takes on the St Mirren defence (above). Berwick Rangers' full-back Iain McLeod (below, stripes) does likewise against Motherwell.



FIRST DIVISION

	AIRDRIE	ARBROATH	AYR	BERWICK	CLYDE	CLYDEBANK	DUMBARTON	DUNFERMLINE	HAMILTON	HEARTS	MOTHERWELL	RAITH R	STIRLING	ST JOHNSTONE
AIRDRIE	—	4-1 5-2	6-2 2-1	3-1 2-1	1-2 1-0	3-1 1-0	1-0 0-0	5-1 1-3	1-0 2-5	0-1 2-5	4-0 3-1	0-0 0-3	1-2 1-2	4-2
ARBROATH	1-0	—	1-1 1-0	1-1 0-0	3-2 0-0	3-2 1-0	4-1 1-0	1-1 1-0	1-2 4-1	1-2 0-5	3-2 0-5	3-1 0-0	1-3 0-0	2-2 2-2
AYR	1-2 5-0	2-1 1-0	—	3-2 1-0	2-0 1-0	2-2 1-0	1-2 1-0	3-0 0-1	0-3 1-1	2-0 1-3	0-0 2-2	3-0 0-4	0-0 1-1	5-1 1-1
BERWICK	2-2	7-2	2-4	—	1-1 0-2	2-3 2-1	0-2 3-0	0-1 1-0	1-1 1-1	1-3 0-1	2-2 3-3	0-0 1-1	3-1 1-1	1-2 5-0
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SECOND DIVISION

	ALBION ROVERS	ALLOA	BRECHIN	COWDENBEATH	E. FIFE	E. STIRLING	FALKIRK	FORFAR	MEADOWBANK	MONTROSE	QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	PARK QUEEN'S	STENHOUSEMUIR	STRANRAER
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ALLOA	1-1	—	8-3 1-4	1-0 3-2	1-0 3-2	2-3 1-2	3-2 1-1	0-3 2-1	4-0 2-1	0-1 2-1	0-1 2-3	0-1 4-1	1-1 2-3	1-1 2-3
BRECHIN	2-0	1-1	—	1-3	1-0	2-0 1-1	1-1 1-1	2-0 1-1	3-1 2-3	1-2 4-1	3-0 2-3	4-1 1-1	2-3 1-1	2-1 2-3
COWDENBEATH	2-2	2-1	1-0 2-3	—	2-2 0-1	2-2 0-1	0-0 1-1	1-0 2-2	1-2 2-2	4-2 2-2	3-1 2-2	1-0 3-1	1-1 2-1	2-0 2-1
E. FIFE	1-0	2-1 1-0	0-1 2-1	4-0 2-1	—	0-3 1-0	1-0 2-1	2-2 0-1	2-2 4-1	1-1 3-1	1-2 0-1	1-1 1-3	1-1 1-1	1-0 1-1
E. STIRLING	2-0 1-1	1-0 1-2	2-1 0-0	0-1 0-0	2-1 1-0	—	2-3 2-1	2-1 0-0	4-1 2-1	3-1 2-1	0-1 0-1	0-0 1-3	1-1 1-1	3-1
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FORFAR	6-2 2-2	0-2 1-1	1-1 0-0	2-1 0-0	1-0 0-4	1-2 1-1	2-1 2-0	—	5-3 0-0	1-1 1-2	3-1 0-0	2-1 1-2	2-3 0-1	3-0 0-3
MEADOWBANK	1-2 1-1	2-1 1-1	0-1 0-1	0-2 0-1	2-0 3-1	0-1 0-1	0-3 0-5	1-0 0-1	—	2-1 3-3	2-1 3-2	0-2 0-2	0-0 5-0	2-1 0-3
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A PEAK season for Trevor

FOR Trevor Peake, Lincoln City's commanding centre-half, the 1979-80 season was one to remember.

During last summer he was plucked out of non-League football at Nuneaton Borough for a bargain fee of £15,000. Since then the 23-year-old has attracted the attention of several First Division clubs, including Liverpool and Leeds. He was also voted by the supporters as the Lincoln City Player of the Year.

"I'm thrilled to bits," says Peake. "I didn't expect anything like that in my first season. The fans have been good to me and to all the players at Sincil Bank. They turned up consistently, even over the last few matches when we had no chance of gaining promotion.

"Our season was a topsy-turvy affair. We were knocked out of both Cups at the first time of asking, but in the League we began in sparkling style and after 15 games lay fourth from the top of the Division.

"Then the bad weather came and we were hampered by a string of postponed matches. We lost our way and dropped to 15th place. Fortunately, we picked ourselves off the floor and went 13 games without defeat.

"That spell lifted the team to a respectable seventh place and, naturally, it's a very encouraging sign for our promotion challenge next season.

"Goals were hard to come by, but in our last two matches everything clicked into place. We slammed four past Halifax and

netted five in our visit to Torquay. We're hoping to carry that kind of goalscoring form into the new season."

Peake doesn't think that Lincoln, one of the 1978-79 relegated clubs, would have benefited by an immediate return to Division Three.

"We might have been out of our depth in a higher grade," he says. "There are a lot of young players at the club. The average age of the side is only 22. It won't do us any harm at all to further our experience in the Fourth Division.

"Even so, we held our own against the top teams. Yet we struggled against the lower sides, especially away from home. That's where we lost the points that could have taken Lincoln into the Third Division.

'Formidable'

"Colin Murphy's fellow managers have told him that they can't understand why the team didn't win promotion. From what he's been telling the players, they seem to think we're a formidable side.

"At the end of the season Colin Murphy spent £30,000 on Steve Thompson from Boston United. He plans to anchor him in the centre of the midfield, with David Carr and myself holding the fort at the back."

Peake describes himself as an out and out stopper. "The manager usually puts me on to the opposition's most dangerous man," he says.

IT'S good to be home. Although I enjoyed being part of England's European Championship squad in Italy I'm looking forward to a couple of weeks rest before reporting back for pre-season training on July 14th and a trip to America.

Forest are due to play four games in ten days, but as yet I haven't heard which clubs we'll be up against.

Naturally I'm pleased to be going to the States, a country I've always wanted to visit, but really would have welcomed a longer break from the game this summer.

MY SOCCER
WORLD

Viv
Anderson



Last year, because of an England tour and club commitments I had just two weeks off. It's the same this time.

Honestly, after another long hard season I'm shattered physically and mentally and badly need a holiday.

Perhaps I'll buzz off for a few days next week to one of my favourite sun spots . . . Majorca or Tenerife.

Most likely I'll stay at home decorating the new house I've recently moved into on the outskirts of Nottingham.

All First Division players would like a longer close-season, but accept it's not practical especially if you are with a successful club and involved with international teams.

One thing I won't be doing for the next fortnight . . . training. Fortunately I haven't got a weight problem and don't need to keep in trim during a lay off.

Not like Larry Lloyd. He only has to look at a cake to put on half-a-stone!

Forest fine their players if they report back for pre-season training overweight.

Not that many of the lads do let themselves go. The threat of Brian Clough and Peter Taylor hovering



by the scales is enough to ensure we don't return carrying excess-pounds.

Something Brian Clough — a staunch socialist — won't want to see, either. My signed photograph of the Prime Minister Maggie Thatcher . . . a lasting memento of my visit to No 10 Downing Street with the England squad a few days before leaving for the European Championship.

Mrs Thatcher had invited us to a special reception, along with F.A. officials and members of the Press party going to Italy. SHOOT'S man Chris Davies was there I believe.

We arrived at the front door of Britain's most famous house to be met by a member of the staff who





ABOVE: Kevin Keegan and Emlyn Hughes getting to know Margaret Thatcher a little better!

RIGHT: Elton John, who invited Viv backstage after a concert.

manager Ron Greenwood and skipper Kevin Keegan, who presented her with an autographed football to be auctioned for charity.

After posing for photographs the Prime Minister said how delighted she was at meeting us all . . . and that if any of us were ever in the neighbourhood to pop in for a cup of tea.

I'll tell the boss. He might put aside his socialist beliefs for an afternoon and take her up on that invitation. I bet he's got one or two ideas on how to cure inflation.

Being a professional footballer with a top club like Forest puts me in a very privileged position and opens doors closed to most of the general public.

Not only do I receive first class treatment wherever I go, but get the opportunity of meeting and mixing with famous personalities.

Maggie Thatcher is the most



'England a hit with Maggie Thatcher'

in . . . heads turned, glasses were discretely put down.

She was charming and introduced to us all individually.

Like most of the lads I was nervous. I kept thinking to myself: "What do I say? . . . what do I say?"

But Mrs Thatcher put us at ease. She asked me if I would like to see around . . . and showed me a Persian carpet that was worth many thousands of pounds.

She then took the party on a conducted tour of No 10 . . . even the Cabinet Room, despite protests from security men.

But Maggie insisted we went in to see the room where all the country's most important decisions are made.

I was amazed at the size of No 10. I didn't realise it had over 100 rooms. It certainly doesn't look that big from the outside.

Mrs Thatcher admitted she knew very little about football but she did single out Emlyn Hughes and ask how he got the nickname Crazy Horse.

As you probably know, the Liverpool fans called him that because of his style of charging up and down the pitch.

She also had a few minutes with

important person I've actually spent time with — Brian Clough apart.

I've shaken hands with Royalty before and after Cup Finals, of course, but that's different.

One of the most famous stars I've got to know through the game is Elton John.

I went to a concert in Derby a few years ago and was invited backstage to meet Elton.

He was tremendous and introduced me to his group and chatted for hours about football in general, his club Watford and what it was like at Forest.

A star I would like to meet is Rod Stewart . . . I'm one of his greatest fans. I wonder what he would think of No 10.

Well, I'm going to put my feet up now and listen to a few of Rod's albums. See you next time . . .

Viv Anderson

took us upstairs to a guest room.

On the walls were pictures of all the past Prime Ministers, including Harold Wilson, Brian Clough's friend and an ardent Huddersfield supporter.

We were given drinks and introduced to several MP's, including the member for Nottingham and Minister of Sport Mr Hector Munro.

They chatted to us about the game, our chances in Italy, and crowd problems.

I'm sure we would have had more to say on that problem had we known our fans were going to disgrace us and the country.

The atmosphere in the guest room was tense. No one spoke above a whisper. It was like being in a cathedral.

Then Maggie Thatcher came

Rod Stewart with his Scotland idols Kenny Dalglish and Sandy Jardine. Rod is a star who Viv would like to meet.



ABBEEY ACTION BOOSTS CAMBRIDGE

THERE is a quiet and progressive revolution going on behind the scenes at the Abbey Stadium, the home of Cambridge United.

After storming through from the Fourth Division to the safe high ground of Division Two, The U's are now aiming at bringing their ground and facilities up to the standards of most other teams in the League.

But on gates that average only about 5,000 for each home game — and problems when entertaining the big names at the smallest ground in the League — Cambridge have had to initiate carefully planned commercial ventures to raise cash for improvements.

Developments

The man behind the latest fund-raising scheme is the club's principal commercial promoter, Keith Loring, who has inaugurated an Abbey Action Committee, quite separate from the club's own developments.

"We are aiming at getting more involvement with the club," said Loring, also a lively member of the Vice President's Club. "And we want the fans to be able to feel part of that development."

"Although I already have duties with the club on the commercial side, I must make it clear that

Abbey Action is something that I and other committee members are giving up our own time for, completely unpaid.

"We were fed up hearing that the club only had 5,000 fans so we have decided to try and turn it to our advantage. I know we are not a fashionable club — but fashions change and Abbey Action is going to start off those changes."

A committee of ten various Cambridge loyalists, including player-coach Peter Graham, has been formed by Abbey Action.

The scheme got off to a good start in May when the club opened its gates to the fans. Sideshows, displays, shooting contests, a Miss Cambridge United competition and a Glamorous Grandmother competition were all on the bill as well as an opportunity to meet the players and have pictures taken with them.

"We hope to use the money raised to do things for the club — provide a video system, a new multi-gym training machine or decorate the changing rooms," said Loring.

"If we do that the fans can see what they are achieving. They can become a part of the club."



Keith Loring has introduced some interesting ideas to Cambridge.

Clearly, Keith Loring has learned much from careful observation of the success of other innovative young men in the English game. He admits to being "very impressed" by his visit to Chelsea's new stand and holds the abilities of John Smith, Luton

Town's progressive chief executive, in high esteem.

With a new section being built on to the stand at the Abbey Stadium and Abbey Action striving to match facilities to the progress of the team, the future looks bright for Cambridge United.

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BEST BACK — AND IN BOTHER

GEORGE Best was in trouble on his first night back in California.

He was supposed to report to San Jose before his first match but instead went to Los Angeles to see some of his old drinking pals.

Specially for the occasion, George left off his anti-drink pills, which make him sick if he has just one drink. The inevitable happened.

Says George: "I realise now that I just can't afford to do that. It won't happen again."

Mind you, playing for San Jose is enough to drive anyone to drink. They have the worst record in America, just two wins from 11 games.



ROCHESTER Lancers have retired their number 10 jersey following the death of former midfield star John Pedro.

Pedro collapsed during a game in his native Portugal. It was his first game back after a two year absence through injury.

As a mark of respect, the Lancers decided that no one should ever wear the number 10 jersey again.

ELVIS FAN

WILLIE MORGAN (below) revealed on American TV that his original reason for coming to the States wasn't to play soccer but to see Elvis Presley!

Said Willie: "I've always been a big Elvis fan and I have a room at home filled with busts and pictures of him."

"When I want to relax, I just sit in the room, turn everything else off and listen to the King."



The start of an exciting new summer series

Soccer in the States Super Huddy



ALAN Hudson is having a tremendous season in a Seattle Sounders side that has astonished everyone in the North American Soccer League.

Seattle have won 12 of their first 13 games and their only defeat was a shootout against 1979 Champions Vancouver.

The Sounders sit on top of the National Conference's Western Division with 94 points — and Vancouver are way behind them in third place.

Roger Davies has delivered the goals that have given Seattle such a marvellous start. He's got 14, including four against Rochester.

But the man who's been orchestrating everything is Hudson.

Team-mate Roy Greaves says: "I'd heard about Huddy before but you don't really know what someone's like until you play with him. I can't believe some of the things he does."

Coach Alan Hinton says: "He's having a fantastic season. People told me to watch out for him when I came here. They said he was trouble."

"Well, I haven't had a minute's bother from him. He comes in for extra training, turns up on days off. I've had to order him to stay away sometimes."

Hudson himself is lapping it up. He says: "I'm playing as well as I've ever played and this is a great team to play in."

"Coach Alan Hinton has signed a lot of new players this season — Roger Davies, David Nish, Bruce Rioch and Tommy Hutchison — and they've all been really successful."

"We already had a lot of promising youngsters here so with the experience combined to that, I fancied us to do well."

The biggest laugh must be on Tulsa Roughnecks. They sacked Hinton at the end of last season.

MOST NASL teams will take part in an expanded Indoor League.

Teams will play between 16 and 20 matches instead of last year's 12, and the season will run from November to March.

WHY PARKES HAD TO GO

VANCOUVER reluctantly sold former Wolves goalkeeper Phil Parkes before the start of the season after a contract dispute. Parkes was the NASL's top 'keeper for 1978 and '79.

Coach Tony Waiters said: "If we'd paid him what he was asking for, he

would have earned about a million dollars in three years. We couldn't meet that."

"Ridiculous wage demands are one of the penalties of being successful. It was a shame because we didn't want Phil to leave and I think he would have liked to stay with us."

Parkes, incidentally, is now playing for Chicago Sting.

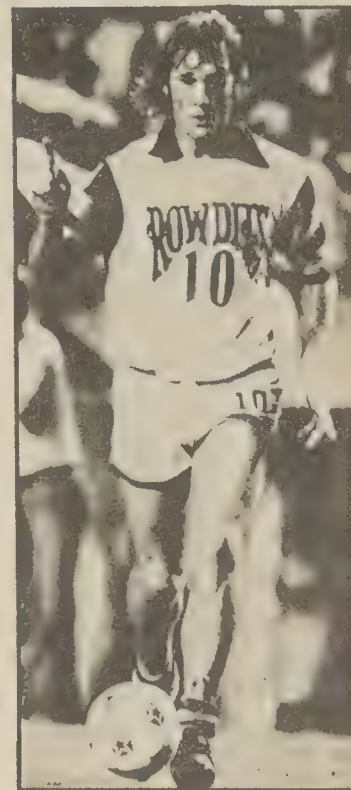
RODNEY MARSH's (above, right) new team in the American Soccer League — New York United — had just 1,109 fans for their first home game. Of those, only 676 were paying customers.

The owners weren't expecting a crowd of Wembley proportions in any case. But what aggravated matters was

that the game against the Golden Gates had already suffered three postponements.

Only one was caused by the weather. The other two failed to go ahead because of financial difficulties.

New York city council don't have much faith in the fans who watch soccer matches. They've made United put up \$100,000 as a guarantee that any damage done to the pitch will be made good.



NO FIRE for GABRIEL



JIM Gabriel (above) turned down a couple of NASL coaching offers after leaving Seattle last season — and instead decided to take a chance with new ASL side Phoenix Fire.

Gabriel was given a five year contract with built-in rises, spent all winter building a site — then was told before the start of the season that the Fire were folding. They never even kicked a ball.

PUZZLE TIME

TIME FOR A TRANSFER

Move from HULL to YORK and then on to BURY by solving these simple clues, each time altering only one letter of the previous word.

BOSS AND HIS BOYS

Complete the words to match the Blues, so as to spell out, in columns 2 and 4, when read downwards, the name of a manager and his team.

- 1 CANE
- 2 HAPPY
- 3 WORSHIPS
- 4 RUBBISH
- 5 ISLANDS
- 6 BIRDLIKE
- 7 SHOUTS
- 8 CUTS
- 9 DEADLY
- 10 POPULAR
- 11 FOLD
- 12 COPPERS
- 13 SIDESMAN

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- 1 Ship's body
- 2 Large room
- 3 Big dance
- 4 Huge bundle
- 5 Very wan
- 6 Tall mast
- 7 Flat fish
- 8 Painful
- 9 Apple heart
- 10 Irish city
- 11 Turpin's town
- 12 Pig meat
- 13 Big harbour
- 14 Stage role
- 15 Open flan
- 16 Kind of weed
- 17 Much worry
- 18 Quite nude
- 19 Farm store
- 20 Scorch
- 21 Inter

H U L L

Y O R K

B U R Y

TEAMWORK

Solve the clues with four-letter words, using only the letters of the four football teams named, marking off each letter as you use it. As a guide the first answer is "Ache" and the letters A-C-H-E have been taken from the teams. Now carry on.

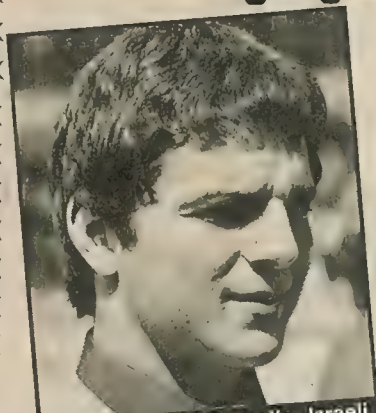
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2. Mislead
3. Wicked
4. Close
5. Bite
6. Tablet
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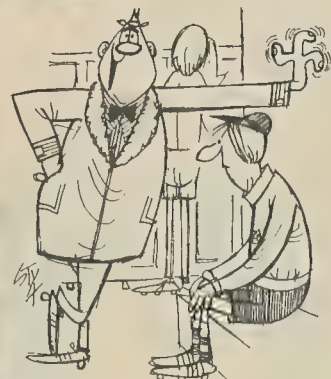
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Answers on P41

FOOTBALL FUNNIES



This week Liverpool's Israeli international Avi Cohen selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.



"It's magic. Bob Paisley gets Ray Clemence, Cloughie gets Peter Shilton and I get a goalie who scores three own-goals."



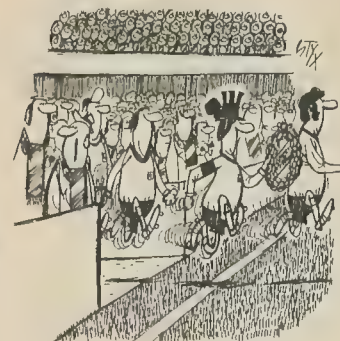
"This is your life."



"I'm afraid I'll have to warn you about your continuous time-wasting tactics."



"It's only a family snap, dear. You aren't posing for a team photograph, y'know."



"That's our dead ball specialist."



"Here comes his 20th booking."

Poms and Jocks doing well

COSMOPOLITAN Australian soccer may be made up of multinational teams, officials and supporters but the British Connection is still strong, probably even more than in the USA.

Only recently Bobby Charlton was brought out for a series of guest appearances in various cities, sponsored by Dunlop. In Sydney, he played one game, for newly promoted Blacktown City, in their inaugural match — and got their first goal in a 4-2 win. At 42... reports claim that Charlton, after all expenses, returned to England with some £10,000 in his pocket.



Bertie Lutton

Two weeks after his departure another immortal paid a visit: Sir Stanley Matthews, aged 62. He came at the invitation of a group of people in sunny Queensland to give demonstrations and coaching lectures, mainly for youngsters.

But quite a number of well-known British players are now attached to clubs in the national League.

Paul Reaney, ex-Leeds and England, arrived in January to join Newcastle United and intends to settle here. "It's better to play in the First Division in Australia than in the Fourth in England," he says.

Trouble

Former Celtic and Scotland striker Dixie (John) Deans has just started his third season with Adelaide City, still getting the goals, occasionally getting into trouble because of his somewhat Bohemian lifestyle. His former team-mate of Celtic, Willie Wallace, is now coaching the Sydney team Leichhardt.

Another Scot of some fame is Jim Hermiston, ex-Aberdeen and the mainstay of the Brisbane Lions defence. Hermiston has settled in Australia for good and last February he joined the Queensland Police Force.

Yet another Scot doing well is Bill Pirie, from Dundee, now with

Down Under



Dixie Deans

Leichhardt. Two seasons ago Pirie was the worshipped goal-grabber of Sydney Olympic, then returned home but is out in Australia again.

Former Liverpool star Alun Evans, 31, is with South Melbourne where one of his team-mates is Bertie Lutton, 29, who had a few seasons with Wolves.

Ex-England Youth international Roy Cotton, 24, is playing for St George in Sydney and former Luton Town winger Phil O'Connor is with Leichhardt while Mark Trenter, formerly with West Brom and a Welsh Youth international, is partnering Paul Reaney in Newcastle.

These, of course, are the big fish — but among the smaller fry at all levels and in all Divisions, the British influence is powerful though certain to diminish. The Australian Federation has clamped down on players coming here on a temporary visa and will also limit the number of foreigners a National League team can field.

So now you'd better get used to names like these in the Australian national team: Krncevic, Jan-kovics, Sharnowski, Christopoulos, Moulis, Katholos, Giam-paolo, Raskopoulos, Nyskohus, Selemides, Bozanic, Kosmina, Bertoga, Senkalski, Spanos and others.

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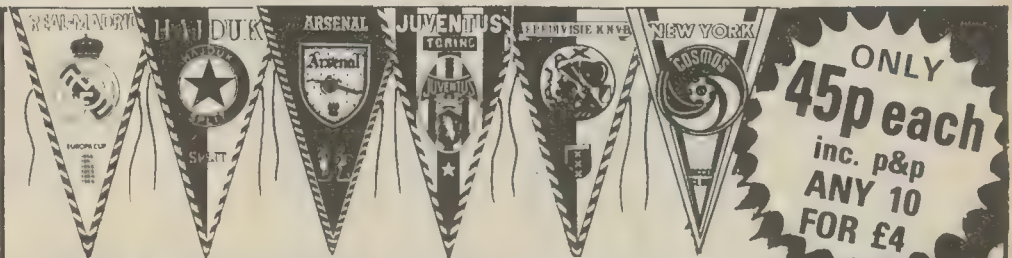
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WREXHAM goalkeeper Dai Davies has reviewed his team's progress at the end of their second season in Division Two following promotion in 1978 — and reckons the Welsh club can look forward to solid improvement next term.

Says Dai: "We found conditions in the Second Division different to those we had been used to. In winning the Division Three Championship, we showed we were a free-scoring team, netting a total of 78 goals during that season. But when we moved up into the higher class, we were given less space in which to operate by



Wrexham 'lost' half a team

defences that were organised more efficiently than those in the Third Division. Goals didn't come as easily to us, and at the end of our first eight months in Division Two we had scored 45, and finished 15th in the League table.

"We started 1980 among the top eight and with as good a chance as anyone of gaining promotion again, but unfortunately for Wrexham, it was at that point that we fell away.

"Although I dislike making excuses, I have to say that we were seriously affected by the fact that six of our players had to undergo operations for damaged cartilages, and another was out of action with a broken leg.

"Our injury list added up to more than half a team, and it would take a much bigger playing pool than we have available to cope successfully with such a situation. So we dropped down the table, but were never in any danger of finishing up among those clubs with relegation worries.

"However, the changes we were forced to make were unsettling — Terry Darracott, Mickey Evans, Les Cartwright, Graham Whittle, John Roberts, Wayne Cegielski and Peter Williams were all laid up at different times, and I remember that in a spell of 12 matches, there were only two occasions when I turned out in an unchanged side."

Amid the set-backs for Wrexham, Dai points to the cheering fact that changes in position failed to prevent striker Dixie McNeil from finding the net. "Dixie played in midfield for a

while, and also up-front, but it seems natural for him to score goals wherever he plays and he has done this for us. We will be aiming to improve on our goalscoring next season to put us in contention for a leading place.

"Once again, I think there will be several teams in Division Two involved in the promotion battle, as it was last season. There are a number of clubs in this Division who fancy their chances in the First, and we are one of them. It is rubbish for some supporters to predict disaster for some teams who have won promotion.

'Credit'

"Fans will talk about the number of new players who will be needed to strengthen a side that is moving into a higher class, instead of giving credit to the players who gained promotion for their club.

"Admittedly, if Wrexham had finished in the top three last season, we would have liked a stronger playing pool to off-set the effect of a string of injuries such as we suffered — but a promoted Second Division team needn't have an inferiority complex at the thought of appearing in the First.

"A team like Liverpool obviously stands out, and there are good sides among those immediately beneath them. But the clubs in the bottom half of the First Division are not superior to leading Second Division teams, and I'm hoping that Wrexham will soon get the opportunity to prove ourselves among the top 22."

Fillol under fire 'the madman'

"FILLOL is the worst goalkeeper I've seen in my life!" That's the verdict on Argentina's World Cup 'keeper by the man who was originally Menotti's first choice between the posts, Hugo Gatti (right).

The 35-year-old 'El Loco' (though he claims to be only 33) insists: "Fillol at heart wants to be like Gatti. He makes a big impression with his diving saves, but he really wants to be like me. He even dresses like me. He wears Bermuda shorts like me. He wants to come off his line like I do to make the job easy, but he doesn't know how to.

Spectacular

"Gatti doesn't have to 'fly' like Fillol because Gatti is in the right position, cutting down all the angles. Fillol gets into all the wrong positions, and then makes flashy diving saves to get himself out of trouble. He just likes being spectacular.

"The problem is that since the World Cup he's had 100 per cent backing from the Press and everyone thinks he's infallible. I'm still better than him because I know more about goalkeeping.

"And I have more charisma than him. The fans love me more than him."

Gatti's controversial outburst

came at a time when the man nicknamed The Madman voluntarily stopped playing for relegation-haunted Boca Juniors.

"I'm a title-winning goalkeeper," insists the outspoken character, "and I don't see much fun in fighting against relegation.

"Life at Boca just isn't fun these days. I like drinking wine, and we aren't allowed to. We have to go back into 'concentration' after games as well as before them. I can't sunbathe as much as I'd like to. That's why I've decided not to play... but I'm still the Number One in Argentina."

Not surprisingly, Gatti's comments created quite a stir in Buenos Aires, and he was later forced by public opinion to revise some of his comments.

"When I read the report I saw some of my phrases had been a bit too strong. What I meant was that Fillol will never create a 'school' of goalkeeping — he'll never be a model for the youngsters.

"My point of view is that it isn't necessary to be spectacular to be a great goalkeeper.

"In that respect, Fillol is the worst goalkeeper I've ever seen."

The Arab in Israeli clothing

RIFAT Turk is a 25-year-old Arab who plays for Hapoel Tel Aviv in the Israeli First Division. He is also the only Arab in the national team's World Cup squad, who compete in Group Six with Scotland and Northern Ireland.

A very powerful runner with good skills and a fierce shot, Turk (below) was the most dangerous player in the recent game against Northern Ireland, making many raids from deep positions.

His dashing style makes him a popular player with Israeli crowds.



WORLD WIDE



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CHRIS DAVIES

TOTO LORENZO, coach of Argentine club, Racing, is so worried about his club's poor home record (their away record is excellent) that he now insists that his players change in the visitors' dressing-room. A Racing official commented: "I think our stadium should be closed — not just because a fan threw a coin at a linesman, but then we'd have to play all our games away from home, where we play 50 per cent better."

PART of the plans to save famous Chilean club Colo Colo from bankruptcy involved bringing Argentinos Juniors, complete with Diego Maradona, to play an exhibition match.

But instead of letting South America's Number One footballer show his repertoire of soccer skills, the Colo Colo players decided to 'bring him down a notch or two'. Maradona was badly fouled 15 times, was stretchered off the pitch, and left the stadium with his left leg in plaster.

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MEXICO and Guatemala finished their recent 'friendly' match in Toluca with just eight players apiece and 2-2 on the scoreboard.

Guatemala took the lead after half an hour with a Perez penalty. Sanchez equalised three minutes later with another penalty.

Six minutes later a Cruz header gave the visitors a 2-1 lead, and the remaining six minutes before half-time were packed with incident.

Guatemala defender Cabrera was shown the red card and Mexicans Lopez Zarza and Ibarra also had an early bath. In the second-half, Castro hit Mexico's equaliser and three more players were sent-off.

SPAIN's most famous goalkeeper, Angel Iribar, has been given a free transfer by Athletic Bilbao. The 37-year-old who holds the record number of 49 Spanish international caps joined the Bilbao club for £8,000 and has been a regular first teamer for the last 18 seasons.

THE FRENCH nearly always publish exact figures of gate receipts for each match, and the arithmetic is sometimes intriguing. British fans who feel that prices are too high, for example, might be interested to know that 4,275 fans watched the recent French Cup game between Second Division sides Orleans and Besancon, but gate receipts were just over £15,000. And the 13,306 spectators who saw Rennes beat Paris FC left nearly £70,000 in the ticket offices.

Do a quick bit of arithmetic and work out the average ticket prices!

IN ARGENTINA, two All Boys players were marched off to the local police station. After their 0-0 draw with Argentinos Juniors, Brailowsky and Lervasi were suspected of using artificial stimulants after hypodermic syringes and capsules had been found in the All Boys dressing-room. The club claims the two players were injected with glucose, but the authorities are investigating.

Nothing to smile about

OSVALDO Ardiles' successor in the Argentina side, Juan Barbas (below), missed a couple of League games prior to the European tour thanks to a pulled muscle, but while he was stretched out on the Racing couch the club doctor noticed that Barbas' teeth were a "disaster".

He was frog-marched to the dentist, who rapidly extracted four very badly infected teeth; treated three abscesses with antibiotics, and did eight major fillings for good measure.

"I don't understand how a national team player who has regular medical check-ups could be in this condition," remarked the dentist.

"It's my own fault," admitted Barbas. "They tried to send me to the dentist about 20 times, but I've always managed to think up some way of avoiding it..."



WE tend to think that players are past their best at 40, but in Brazil there's a goalkeeper, now 42, who claims he will be a Champion again at the age of FIFTY!

He is Manga and he has won 21 titles during his career with Botafogo, Internacional, Operario Coritiba and Gremio in Brazil; and Nacional of Uruguay.

Manga has just signed for a club in Ecuador and says confidently: "I expect to join either Corinthians or Flamengo back home in a year or so. If they want the Championship all they have to do is sign me..."

Anyone can make mistakes

FORTY Spanish referees locked themselves into their Association's central offices in the Aragon region after one of their number, Pes Perez, had been suspended for 45 days by the authorities.

Pes Perez's 'crime' was his irregular handling of the 0-0 draw between Hercules and Real Madrid when, among other things, he sent-off Real's left-back Camacho for a foul committed... by Santillana!

Despite the glaring error, Pes Perez's colleagues feel the suspension is unwarranted.

Meanwhile, Spain's most controversial referee, De Sosa Martin, has asked to be 'rested' by the authorities following a series of incidents where he's been accused of serious technical errors. Spanish officials traditionally have to put up with more criticism than most, as fans are rarely sporting enough to accept decisions against the home team.

But De Sosa has been in the news all season, and clearly feels in need of a rest.

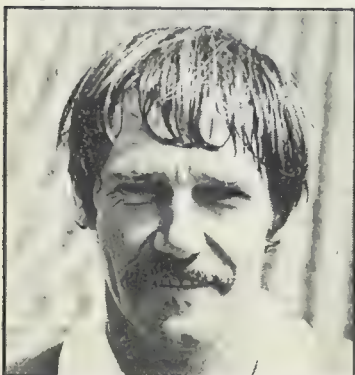
KROL NOT 'STOLEN' FROM FOREST

THE European Championship Finals sadly saw Ruud Krol saying farewell to European soccer following his transfer to the Vancouver Whitecaps. Much has been written about the Ajax star's move and some reports have shown the Canadian club in a bad light.

Paddy Sowden, their European representative, contacted me to put the record straight. "We worked on the deal for eight or nine months... we didn't nip in at the last moment and 'steal' him from Nottingham Forest, as was suggested," he told me.

"Last autumn we — that is Whitecaps manager Tony Waiters (below), coach Bob McNab, and club officials — sat down to plan the present season.

"We drew up a wanted list and the two names at the top were Kevin Keegan and Ruud Krol.



"We met once a month at the Paddington Hotel in London to discuss progress. I spoke to Keegan's agent, Harry Swales, and I thought the Whitecaps had a chance of signing Kevin but, of course, it was not to be. "I went across to Holland to see Krol and the biggest bonus for me was that he was only 30 (he's just turned 31 now). I believed he was around 33.

"I spoke to Ajax officials and, understandably, they weren't keen to help me sign their star player. We kept in touch and I remember being in Belgium on business and watching East Germany/Holland on T.V.

"The Dutch were 0-2 down and I was happy for my club that it looked as if they'd miss out on the European Championship Finals. Thanks to Krol's inspiration, the Dutch fought back to win 3-2.

"More talks went on and Ruud was keen to join us. He gave us his word, although we couldn't sign anything. When Ajax lost 2-0 in Nottingham, we agreed this was the time to clinch the deal as I couldn't see Ajax coming back.

"Ruud signed for us on the Thursday morning after the second-leg in Amsterdam. It was the culmination of months of hard work — we didn't 'steal' him from Forest."

Krol cost Vancouver around £250,000 and has a three-year contract. He pushed the Whitecaps' spending to £650,000 this year; their other new stars are Ray Hankin and David Harvey (from Leeds), Steve Kember (Crystal Palace) and David Robb (ex-Aberdeen from Philadelphia Fury).

News flashes

Udinese, who were recently relegated from the Italian First Division, have won the Mitropa Cup against Debrecen (Hungary), Red Star Cheb (Czechoslovakia) and Celik Zenica (Yugoslavia).

The Dutch FA are setting up a commission of enquiry that will almost certainly result in Division Two club SC Amersfoort losing their professional licence. They were accepted as a

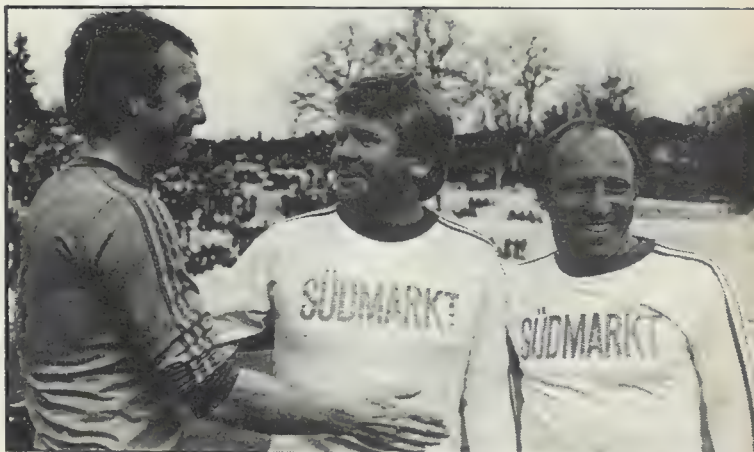
professional club with the backing of wealthy businessman Hans Vahstal who has now backed down. Deep in debt, their last home game pulled in only 500 spectators.

With Austria and Scotland already operating an elite Super-League, several Dutch clubs, led by AZ '67 Alkmaar, are canvassing the idea that the Dutch First Division should be reduced to eight or even six clubs that can really afford professionalism.

There's a shortage of

outstanding goalscorers in Morocco these days. Top of the charts is FAR striker Driss with the tally of just nine goals in 20 matches. Incidentally, only four points separate the top six teams — a narrow margin in a competition where a win nets three points.

Argentinian manager Cesar Luis Menotti is reported to be negotiating for Swedish group Abba to give a concert in Buenos Aires. Menotti's passion in life — apart from football — is music of all kinds.



FORMER World Cup rivals Bobby Moore, Helmut Haller and Uwe Seeler met up again during a testimonial game in West Germany recently. Moore led England to World Cup victory over the Germans in 1966 when Haller scored the opening goal at Wembley and Seeler was captain.

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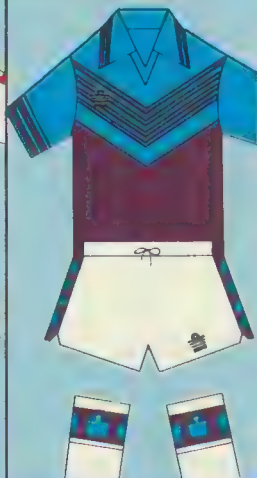


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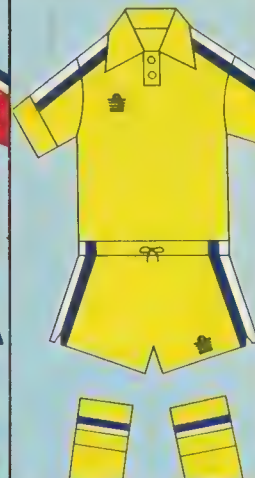
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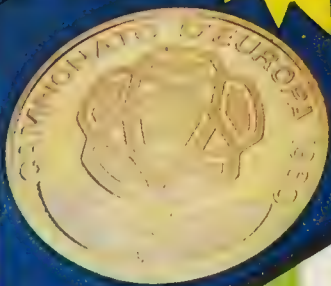


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CLOUGH'S MESSAGE TO GRAY

FRANK Gray's disappointment at being crossed off Leeds United's pay-roll last summer has completely evaporated.

"I couldn't be happier," the 25-year-old Scottish international full-back told SHOOT as he sat in the dressing room of Real Madrid's Bernabeu Stadium following his second European Cup Final appearance when he helped defeat Kevin Keegan's Hamburger SV.

Looking back to that black day last July, when Leeds manager Jimmy Adamson told him that Brian Clough had put in a £475,000 bid for him which had been accepted, Gray recalls how he "was shattered" by the news.

'Reality'

"Suddenly I realised that although I had missed only four games since making my debut five-and-a-half years earlier I was surplus to requirements," says the slightly-built Glaswegian.

"The club which had been the centre of my life since I left school had let it be known they could manage without me. That hurt. But once the reality sank in it was easy to sever my ties with Leeds."

In the event, Leeds did Gray a favour by selling him to Forest because he has slotted easily into Clough's set-up and improved his own game at the same time.

He admits that the turning-point in his long settling-in period at the City Ground — "it usually takes a

footballer about a season to adjust to a new team," he says — was a long lecture by his new boss.

Gray explains: "I felt that although I'd been performing adequately I still lacked something."

"Then Cloughie had me in after one match in February or March. He told me that I'd have to take more responsibility — or else. I got the message!

"Immediately I began to play with more freedom; I started to attack more. I'd more confidence which meant I was willing to try the unexpected, to hit the long balls to the opposite wing, say, whereas before I had tended to play safe."

"Suddenly everything seemed to fall into place. I benefited from that talk-in and I believe the team did, too."

Yet despite those early problems at the City Ground, Gray can now boast of an achievement almost unique in British football. Gray apart, only Kevin Keegan can claim to have appeared in a European Cup Final with two different teams, and it is ironic that one should help beat the other in the recent Final.

Soon he will leave his Wetherby home on the outskirts of Leeds and move to Nottingham, where he will live 50 yards from Peter Shilton. Their conversations over an evening drink during the summer should be worth listening to — particularly when it goes back to that night in Madrid.



VENNERS'

VERDICT



'No time for disloyal players'

It is difficult not to feel some sympathy for Stan Bowles at this critical moment in his football career. No-one likes to see a professional in disgrace because of an indiscretion.

Moralising on the Bowles affair is not my scene — I have my work cut out to make sure we do things properly at Crystal Palace — but the Bowles-Clough confrontation does bring sharply into focus the question of loyalty in football.

Loyalty will never be an old fashioned word so far as I am concerned, and Brian Clough had it spot-on when he said: "His (Bowles) action was the closest to a soccer strike since Derby's players threatened to withdraw their labour after I left the club."

He added pointedly: "Stan is a well known gambler, but it was the craziest bet of his life when he decided to leave us just before the European Cup Final."

The Forest manager's next remark was even more significant: "Some men work for a year to earn what Bowles lost in two weeks."

Players get well paid for doing a job which gives considerable pleasure to millions of soccer fans. They deserve every penny they earn but the onus is heavily on them to *earn* their wage.

Nothing less than total commitment is acceptable to a manager, the board or supporters if clubs are to challenge for honours at home and overseas. Argentina, West Germany, Brazil and England, the most recent winners of the World Cup, were dedicated to the highest degree, and a quick glance at the winners of the European Cup, Real Madrid, Benfica, Inter-Milan, Celtic, Manchester United, Ajax, Bayern, Liverpool and Nottingham Forest among them, reveals another group of teams whose loyalty to the cause was a byword.

It is most noticeable that the current England squad under Ron Greenwood's masterly control is blessed with players of great intelligence, character, ability and loyalty.

One national newspaper mentioned Ron's decision to free a few of his players from their pre-European Championship HQ in London to attend the Derby at Epsom. A decision fraught with danger if the players had been of lesser calibre, but one which the England manager could happily make with utmost freedom.

Stan Bowles (left, light strip) and Roy McFarland (below) are both exceptionally talented players, yet their contrasting attitudes make one a manager's dream and the other a real headache.

Win or lose, the England management know that every member of the squad will toil to the final whistle, never sparing himself.

I can't stress too highly the need for total dedication in the modern game. That doesn't necessarily mean subjecting players to harsh discipline more suited to the French Foreign Legion. It means playing ball with the management in return for fair reward.

Men blessed with the qualities I have in mind are Kevin Keegan, Phil Thompson, David Watson, the England goalkeepers Clemence, Shilton and Corrigan, Ray Wilkins, the three Trevors, Brooking, Francis and Cherry... the list is endless.

Ron Harris, the new player coach at Brentford, was passionately loyal to Chelsea, whereas some of his colleagues at Stamford Bridge were less reliable with the consequence that their careers were damaged and curtailed.

Dedication

Roy McFarland, Derby County's former England centre-half, is a gem for a manager to work with, and I know John Barnwell enthuses about Emlyn Hughes' dedication to the job at Wolves.

Denis Law was of the same ilk. So, too, Bobby Charlton and brother Jack. Malcolm Macdonald carried a 'playboy' image but no-one was a more dedicated professional. I am fortunate in controlling a Crystal Palace side without a 'bad egg' among them.

It is a fact of life that disloyal players rarely, if ever, win you anything. This point is often revealed in the final League tables when a club has lost the Championship by two or three points. That slender margin of difference can often be traced back to the moment a player was sent-off after losing his temper or went missing when his presence was most needed in a crucial game.

There is no substitute for loyalty.

Stan Bowles left Brian Clough with no option but to put him on the transfer list. A brave decision on a player of Bowles' talent, but one which I hope all managers would have the strength to make given similar circumstances.

Nevertheless, it's sad that these things have to happen in a game which is there to be enjoyed by all.

Emlyn Hughes



LAST season was a disappointment for Carlisle, who began last August with high hopes of promotion.

Instead, they rarely climbed out of the middle reaches of the Third Division and at one time slipped dangerously near the relegation zone.

To crown it all, they had a mid-season upheaval when manager Bobby Moncur left Brunton Park to return to his native Edinburgh and take charge of Hearts.

Moncur left behind his assistant Martin Harvey, who finally took control after a successful spell as caretaker manager.

Harvey is looking ahead to next season when he believes the club will finally fulfil the promise they showed under Moncur.

He has several reasons for his optimism but there is no doubt about the greatest — it's the skill and ability of 19-year-old Peter Beardsley, bought for just £110.

That's the price of a set of strips which Carlisle gave Wallsend Boys Club when they took their star player less than a year ago.

SET OF STRIPS BUYS CARLISLE STAR

Bargain

At that price, Beardsley is beginning to look like one of the greatest-ever bargain buys, with his recent displays from midfield sending his value soaring to around the £200,000 mark and attracting interest from Sunderland and Crystal Palace.

Which is all a little embarrassing for Cambridge and Gillingham, who both turned down the chance to sign Beardsley after taking him on trial.

The Newcastle teenager returned home to his job as a painter, continued playing with his friends at the boys' club — and dreamed of what might have been.

"I've got to admit that I thought my big chance of turning professional had gone when Gillingham and Cambridge didn't want me," admitted Beardsley.

"My spirits were a bit low because I thought I played quite well during the two trials. It looked like I simply wasn't good enough, but my dad had faith in me.

"He always believed I had the ability to do well in the game and he kept encouraging me, urging me to train hard and wait for another chance.

"I got my reward when Carlisle offered me terms — and he has got his reward with a regular place in the stands at Brunton Park.

"It's a bit more comfortable than when he used to watch me from the touchline at school games. He was always there giving me encouragement and advice."

Even Beardsley has been surprised by his impact on the Third Division. "I expected to spend most of my first year in the reserves, so I was delighted by my progress," he says.

"I can't pinpoint the reason. Perhaps the standard wasn't as high as I anticipated, or possibly full-time training has made me a much better player.

"Either way, I'm just delighted with the way things have worked out. I know just what Newcastle's Alan Shoulder means when he says he will do everything possible to make sure he doesn't have to go back to his old job."

Peter Beardsley (right) has proved a bargain buy for Carlisle United.



Ron Harris (left) and Fred Callaghan, new partners at Brentford.

A BOOST FOR BEES

THE first thing Fred Callaghan did on being appointed manager of Brentford was to make Ron Harris his assistant.

The persuasive Callaghan succeeded where several others had failed, by getting Harris to leave his beloved Chelsea after 20 years to start a new career lower down the scale.

"As soon as I got the Brentford job I made up my mind that I wanted the best professional in the business to work alongside me. And they don't come any better than Ron," says Callaghan.

"His capture is the best thing that has happened to Brentford in years. We needed a big name signing to stimulate the interest — and Ron's arrival should be a great boost to the club.

"He will still play, of course. He may be 35 — but there's at least another year in him.

"He will be a big influence to us on the field. I honestly believe he can do for Brentford what Dave Mackay did for Derby when he went there in the twilight of his career.

"Ron will also help out with the coaching and take charge of the reserves in the Midweek League.

"We intend to re-start a youth team as well and he will be involved in that too. In fact he will be involved in EVERYTHING.

"And he won't be the only new arrival, by any means. In fact I have already got some more signings lined up.

"I have been busy from the moment I got the job. And that's the way I'll always be — for I cannot stand still for a minute.

"This club were in the First Division when the last War ended. Many of the fans still remember those days and it's our job to try and bring the good times back.

"The potential here is enormous. The fans have already proved they will come out in their thousands to watch a successful team — and I aim to give them one.

"There is nothing wrong with the spirit here and there is no reason why we should not really take off.

"When I took charge we trained

all day every day to give me a chance to get to know the players. For there was a lot to do — and not much time to do it in as we were struggling against relegation from the Third Division.

"Fortunately we banished fears of that in our last match of the season. Now we must make sure we don't find ourselves in that position again.

"It's every manager's dream to be in the Football League. That's why I gave up a good job with non-League Woking to come here."

The decision to quit the Isthmian League side caused a great deal of heart searching to Callaghan.

Threshold

For he had transformed them so greatly in just a couple of years they stood on the threshold of a Wembley appearance when the call from Brentford came.

The team that Callaghan rebuilt stormed into the last four of the F.A. Trophy and he had to decide whether to stay and see them through a two-legged Semi-Final against Dagenham.

Brentford's offer proved too good to turn down — for it provided that dreamed of chance to manage a club in the Football League.

So with heavy heart he waved goodbye to Woking — and was as disappointed as anyone when their Wembley dreams were wrecked when Dagenham beat them 7-2 on aggregate to clinch the place in the Final.

Fulham fans will remember Callaghan from his days as a left-back with them.

He was always a bright and breezy character, who got fun out of his football. He gave the fans enjoyment as well.

The attitude and philosophy are still the same today. He wants to win — and win in style.

From the moment Brentford chairman Dan Tana brought him in and told the players 'meet Mr Callaghan' Fred was consumed by a desire to put The Bees back on the map.

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

Quiz Time

1. Which English Third Division club are hoping to stage Rugby League at their ground during next season?

2. Liverpool, Leicester City or Luton Town signed Partick Thistle striker Jim Melrose for a fee of £200,000?

3. Norwich City striker Justin Fashanu spent a spell in Australia, New Zealand or America guesting for a club?

4. Rochdale managed to hold off the challenge of which non-League club to beat the threat of not playing in the Fourth Division next season?

5. In which position did Kenny Swain play for the majority of last season for Aston Villa?

6. Joe Jordan, Andy Ritchie or Lou Macari topped Manchester United's goalscoring list for the 1979-80 season with 13 goals in all competitions?

7. England schoolboys played their Scotland counterparts at Wembley recently. What was the final score?

8. Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the name of an international goalkeeper and his country . . . IDA VEDISA (SWLAE).

9. If the club that finished bottom of the English First Division played the team that were runners-up of the Scottish First Division, which two sides would be in opposition?

10. True or false? Billy Bingham is

in his second spell as manager of Northern Ireland?

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

The European Championship Finals kicked-off on June 11th in Italy. Can you answer the following questions about the earlier ties?

11. West Germany and Czechoslovakia met in the first game. What was the result?

12. It was a repeat of the 1968,



1972 or 1976 European Championship Final in which the Czechs won on penalties?

13. England drew their opening game against Belgium 1-1. Who scored England's goal?

14. What was the half-time score?

15. Where was the game played?



ANSWERS

1. Fulham, 2. Leicester City, 3. Australia, 4. Altrincham, 5. Right-back, 6. Joe Jordan, 7. Scotland won 5-4, 8. Dai Davies (Wales), 9. Bolton against Ayr (Wales), 10. True, 11. 1-0 to West Germany, 12. 1976, 13. Ray Wilkins, 14. 1-1, 15. Turin.

PUZZLE TIME

ANSWERS:

TIME FOR A TRANSFER:

1. Hull, 2. Hall, 3. Ball, 4. Bale, 5. Pale, 6. Pole, 7. Sole, 8. Sore, 9. Core, 10. Cork, 11. York, 12. Pork, 13. Port, 14. Part, 15. Tart, 16. Tare, 17. Care, 18. Bare, 19. Barn, 20. Burn, 21. Bury.

BOSS AND HIS BOYS:

1. Stick, 2. Merry, 3. Prays, 4. Trash, 5. Eyots, 6. Avian, 7. Yells, 8. Snips, 9. Fatal, 10. Abele, 11. Pleat, 12. Pence, 13. Usher.
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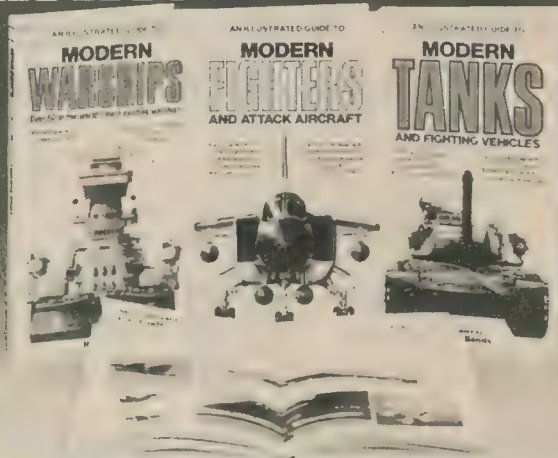
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THERE will not be a more determined team in Scotland than Champions Aberdeen when the big kick-off comes around in August.

Manager Alex Ferguson and his players would be forgiven for feeling more than slightly aggrieved when they lifted the title last season and most critics were talking about fallen idols Celtic losing their Championship rather than The Dons winning the top honour for the first time in 25 years.

"A lot of people wrote us off at one stage," says veteran goalkeeper Bobby Clark, "but we never lost faith in our own ability."

"We were always confident we could win the Premier Division title and I think we are worthy Champions. We won it by our own efforts, it's as simple as that."

Aberdeen's Championship surge shattered Celtic, whose confidence was broken when they lost 3-2 on aggregate to Real Madrid in the European Cup Quarter-Finals after having a two-goal advantage from the first-leg.

The Dons beat them twice at Parkhead in rapid succession and those victories proved to be the ones that mattered at the end of the season when Aberdeen clinched the title by a single point.

Adamant

Questions are still being asked about Aberdeen, though. Is this just a one-off success? Will they have to wait another quarter of a century for their next League triumph? Will the team break up? Are they just a flash in the pan?

It's not safe to repeat questions of that sort around Pittodrie, that's for sure. Alex Ferguson is adamant that this is just the start of something good.

Admittedly he has already sold ace striker Steve Archibald to Spurs for just under £1 million, but fiery Fergie believes his team can get over that transfer.

"I've had a look at players on the Continent," he says, "but the answer could really lie at Pittodrie."

"I can change the pattern of the team without disrupting it at all. There's Mark McGhee, for a start."

"He had a great spell at the end of the season, playing with renewed confidence and spirit. He proved he could score a goal or two and the onus will be on him to continue that sort of form."

Ferguson is also happy with the

displays of left-winger Ian Scanlon, an unpredictable character who can suddenly bring the game to life with his dazzling artistry.

Scanlon, like McGhee, was outstanding last season and he scored some spectacular and vital goals in the run-in to the title success.

"We are the Champions," says Fergie, "and we will continue to play as such. We are not afraid of anyone. I don't think we have anything to prove."

Steve Archibald was in no rush to leave Pittodrie and while he is settling into things at White Hart Lane he admits he will still be

thinking of his former team-mates at Aberdeen.

"I've left a very good team," he says. "They really are a great set of lads and they can stay at the top in Scotland for years to come."

"When you look through the team it is difficult to spot a weakness. Obviously I don't know if the team will break up. I went because Spurs made a very good offer for me and Aberdeen accepted it."

"Players such as Willie Miller, Alex McLeish and Gordon Strachan are all superb team men although I don't like to single out individuals."

Will Dons be one-season wonders?



"Essentially, Aberdeen play as a TEAM... there are no individuals playing for themselves. That's not tolerated at Pittodrie."

Aberdeen have strength-in-depth in their player pool, but Ferguson has continued his search throughout Scotland for fresh faces.

One problem position last season was the left-back spot where Doug Rougvie, Doug Considine and John McMaster were all tried without great success. It's little wonder that international left-back Iain Munro has been linked with The Dons.

Fergie must also be considering replacing veteran 'keeper Bobby Clark some time in the future. Clark says: "I'll give up when I know I am no longer enjoying the game."

"At the moment I feel like going on for another five years. I still have one year of my contract left to go, so I'm in no hurry to quit."

Ironically, Alan Rough's name has also been linked with Aberdeen recently and Clark must know all about his ability.

Rough cut short Clark's international career and now the Pittodrie star coaches Rough and the other Scottish 'keepers.

Unknowns

Ferguson will also be looking for a lot from youngsters such as Andy Watson and Derek Hamilton. They were virtual unknowns before last season, but now they are well known to their opponents.

They will not be allowed the freedom or the space that came their way last time out. They will have to get used to the extra pressure that is put on Champions.

Celtic are still raging about the manner in which they lost their grip on the Premier Division title and they are determined to win it back.

Rangers, currently rebuilding for a mighty assault on the Scottish crown after the disappointments of last season, are also eager to have a right go at getting back to the top.

St. Mirren showed great promise last year with the emergence of some exciting youngsters, and League Cup winners Dundee United will be anxious to follow Aberdeen's success.

Aberdeen accept the challenge readily and their players echo: "No one is going to take our title without a fight."

DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULTS	SCORERS	GATE	DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULTS	SCORERS	GATE
Aug 11	Partick Thistle	(A) 0-1		4,000	Feb 9	St Mirren	(A) 1-1	Strachan	8,900
Aug 18	Hibernian	(H) 3-0		11,000	Feb 23	Kilmarnock	(H) 1-2	Archibald	10,000
Aug 25	Dundee Utd	(A) 3-1	Archibald, McMaster 2	10,982	Mar 1	Partick Thistle	(H) 1-1	Jarvie	10,000
Sep 8	Morton	(A) 2-3	Archibald, McMaster	7,000	Mar 15	Dundee Utd	(H) 2-1	Jarvie, Watson	10,000
Sep 15	Rangers	(H) 3-1	McMaster, Strachan (pen), Rougvie	23,000	Mar 19	Dundee	(H) 3-0	Watson, Jarvie, Miller	6,500
Sep 22	Celtic	(H) 1-2	Strachan	23,000	Mar 22	Morton	(H) 1-0	Jarvie	8,000
Sep 29	Dundee	(A) 4-0	Jarvie 2, Harper, Archibald	11,817	Mar 29	Rangers	(A) 2-2	Archibald, Jarvie	19,850
Oct 6	St Mirren	(A) 2-2	Archibald, Harper	8,600	Apr 1	Kilmarnock	(A) 4-0	McGhee 2, Strachan, Kennedy	5,000
Oct 13	Kilmarnock	(H) 3-1	Scanlon, Strachan (pen), Jarvie	12,000	Apr 5	Celtic	(A) 2-1	Jarvie, McGhee	40,000
Oct 20	Partick Thistle	(H) 1-1	Davidson	14,000	Apr 7	Dundee	(H) 2-1	Strachan (pen), Jarvie	14,000
Oct 27	Hibernian	(A) 1-1	Watson	6,500	Apr 16	Hibernian	(H) 1-1	Watson	16,000
Nov 3	Dundee Utd	(H) 0-3		11,000	Apr 19	Kilmarnock	(A) 3-1	Strachan (pen), McGhee, Archibald	4,000
Nov 10	Morton	(H) 1-2	McLeish	11,000	Apr 23	Celtic	(A) 3-1	Archibald, McGhee, Strachan	48,000
Nov 17	Rangers	(A) 1-0	Archibald	16,000	Apr 26	St Mirren	(H) 2-0	Scanlon, Rougvie	19,000
Dec 15	St Mirren	(H) 2-0	McLeish, Hamilton	5,000	Apr 29	Dundee Utd	(A) 1-1	Strachan	12,954
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Feb 2	Dundee	(A) 3-1	Jarvie 3	7,661					

MANCHESTER



FOOTBALL League attendances for 1979-80 showed a welcome increase of 69,009 on the previous season's total, although the figures for the top two Divisions were down.

Good gates in the lower Divisions accounted for the overall increase with Third Division Champions Sheffield Wednesday and next-door neighbours Sheffield United boosting attendances wherever they played.

In the Fourth Division, promoted Portsmouth enjoyed much improved gates, while the crowds of Champions Huddersfield Town were also up by over 100,000.

Once again Manchester United attracted the biggest attendances with 1,082,510 fans watching League football at Old Trafford. Next came League Champions Liverpool, just below the million mark, with Manchester City the third best supported club — despite disappointing performances on the field.

One disturbing aspect was the meagre average of most First Division clubs. Example: Nottingham Forest began the season as European Champions, but despite the luxury of a new two-million pound stand, they averaged only 26,500 home supporters.



A packed Stretford End (left) cheered Manchester United on right through last season, when more than 1,000,000 fans passed through the Old Trafford turnstiles. Sunderland and West Ham (above), big crowd-pullers in the Second Division.

FIRST DIVISION

Club and final League pos.	1979-80	1978-79	Difference
Manchester United (2)	1,082,510	975,029	+107,481
Liverpool (1)	936,148	974,541	-38,393
Manchester City (17)	750,220	760,256	-10,036
Arsenal (4)	706,209	763,793	-57,584
Tottenham (14)	672,285	732,932	-60,647
Crystal Palace (13)	619,979	489,173	+130,806
Aston Villa (7)	610,510	689,589	-79,079
Everton (19)	601,066	744,571	-143,505
Nottingham Forest (5)	558,088	621,330	-63,242
Wolves (6)	540,834	436,722	+104,112
Brighton (16)	520,385	465,035	+55,350
Leeds (11)	477,757	580,291	-102,534
WBA (10)	466,115	556,864	-90,749
Ipswich (3)	453,282	455,125	-1,843
Southampton (8)	448,029	447,921	+108
Stoke City (18)	421,430	401,619	+19,811
Coventry City (15)	405,772	475,388	-69,616
Derby County (21)	401,989	452,654	-50,665
Middlesbrough (9)	394,095	387,649	+6,446
Bristol City (20)	386,217	468,428	-82,211
Norwich City (12)	375,735	375,364	+371
Bolton Wanderers (22)	343,245	520,216	-176,971
Totals:	12,171,900	12,774,490	-602,590

SECOND DIVISION

Club and final League pos.	1979-80	1978-79	Difference
Sunderland (2)	569,378	534,541	+34,837
Newcastle (9)	482,730	437,525	+45,205
Chelsea (4)	481,392	520,426	-39,034
West Ham (7)	480,171	541,343	-61,172
Birmingham (3)	428,829	423,439	+5,390
Leicester (1)	388,886	297,933	+90,953
Watford (18)	323,994	332,003	-8,009
Swansea (12)	308,606	316,152	-7,546
QPR (5)	292,603	342,021	-49,418
Luton (6)	245,204	184,640	+60,564
Wrexham (16)	212,997	241,906	-28,909
Cardiff (15)	208,691	194,163	+14,528
Preston (10)	203,726	254,460	-50,734
Notts County (17)	185,830	194,894	-9,064
Shrewsbury (13)	183,946	140,267	+43,679
Fulham (20)	175,553	212,844	-37,291
Burnley (21)	169,499	225,714	-56,215
Oldham (11)	165,756	147,948	+17,808
Bristol Rovers (19)	156,880	159,461	-2,581
Charlton Athletic (22)	153,055	200,822	-47,767
Orient (14)	152,057	153,787	-1,730
Cambridge (8)	129,810	143,822	-14,012
Totals:	6,099,593	6,200,111	-100,518

UNITED TOP OF THE GATES LEAGUE

Football League attendances for 1979-80

DIVISIONAL TOTALS	1979-80	1978-79	Difference
Division One	12,171,900	12,774,490	-602,590
Division Two	6,099,593	6,200,111	-100,518
Division Three	3,983,744	3,599,735	+384,009
Division Four	2,354,369	1,966,261	+388,108
Totals	24,609,606	24,540,597	+69,009

The good news for London soccer was the appearance of three capital sides in the top six crowd placings. Despite combined losses of nearly 120,000 Arsenal and Spurs finished in fourth and fifth place respectively, and Crystal Palace, enjoying their first season in Division One since 1973, attracted a 26.74 per cent improvement on their 1978-79 total.

The North-Eastern pair Sunderland and Newcastle, headed the Second Division crowd table, but surprisingly F.A. Cup winners West Ham lost 61,172 supporters on the previous year's League figures.

The 600,000 drop in Division One and the 100,000 deficit in Division Two was cushioned by the 384,000 improvement in the Third Division. Good times returned to the fishing port of Grimsby, where the Champions were watched by an aggregate of nearly a quarter of a million.

Indeed, 11 of the top 13 teams in the Third Division chart played to improved crowds, whereas only eight clubs in both the First and Second Divisions had better gates.

Only eight Fourth Division sides lost support in 1979-80 and none of those was drastic. Even Rochdale and Darlington who both had to seek re-election, had better gates.



The Sheffield derby game between Wednesday and United (left) at Hillsborough attracted a record Third Division crowd, while Portsmouth 'keeper Peter Mellor (above) kept them happy in the Fourth.

THIRD DIVISION

Club and final League pos.	1979-80	1978-79	Difference
Sheffield Wednesday (3)	415,952	249,783	+166,169
Sheffield United (12)	383,058	343,111	+39,947
Barnsley (11)	273,191	254,102	+19,089
Grimsby Town (1)	240,163	150,140	+90,023
Blackburn (2)	237,331	181,449	+55,882
Swindon (10)	196,582	183,418	+13,164
Brentford (18)	179,750	171,458	+8,292
Chesterfield (4)	179,132	110,916	+68,216
Reading (7)	151,048	175,172	-24,124
Rotherham (13)	142,527	102,727	+39,800
Gillingham (16)	140,788	164,299	-23,511
Blackpool (19)	138,304	129,887	+8,417
Hull City (20)	138,196	120,471	+17,725
Millwall (14)	136,829	147,033	-10,204
Plymouth (15)	132,830	173,099	-40,269
Mansfield (23)	124,208	118,484	+5,724
Southend (21)	113,061	152,024	-38,963
Oxford (17)	105,558	106,883	-1,325
Exeter (8)	105,233	101,385	+3,848
Carlisle (20)	101,413	119,695	-18,282
Bury (22)	97,468	86,991	+10,477
Colchester (5)	87,547	78,630	+8,917
Chester (9)	84,869	93,206	-8,337
Wimbledon (24)	78,706	85,372	-6,666
Totals:	3,983,744	3,599,735	+384,009

FOURTH DIVISION

Club and final League pos.	1979-80	1978-79	Difference
Portsmouth (4)	364,470	232,840	+131,630
Huddersfield (1)	200,438	83,929	+116,509
Wigan Athletic (6)	135,762	154,125	-18,363
Bradford City (5)	131,816	90,249	+41,567
Walsall (2)	127,828	93,079	+34,749
Newport County (3)	118,164	85,816	+32,348
Doncaster (12)	99,454	68,996	+30,458
Peterborough (8)	95,064	106,711	-11,647
Bournemouth (11)	90,313	86,452	+3,861
Aldershot (10)	88,854	95,752	-6,898
Lincoln (7)	83,430	72,868	+10,562
Port Vale (21)	79,750	75,595	+4,155
Hereford (20)	76,160	77,492	-1,332
Torquay (9)	72,850	61,397	+11,453
Northampton (13)	69,809	66,590	+3,219
Hartlepool (19)	66,873	68,921	-2,048
Stockport (16)	66,028	95,271	-29,243
Halifax (18)	65,734	41,880	+23,854
Crews (23)	63,031	45,855	+17,176
York City (17)	62,188	67,518	-5,330
Scunthorpe (14)	54,147	62,585	-8,438
Tranmere (15)	51,645	50,122	+1,523
Darlington (22)	45,321	41,568	+3,753
Rochdale (24)	45,240	40,650	+4,590
Totals:	2,354,369	1,966,261	+388,108

EVERTON MOVE SHOCKED KIDD

IF Everton had accumulated as many points as Brian Kidd last season, they would have walked away with the First Division Championship.

That was the cruel joke being told by Evertonians and Liverpool fans alike on Merseyside after Kidd's second sending-off of the season during Everton's first F.A. Cup Semi-Final against West Ham at Villa Park.

Many still hold the belief that Kidd's dismissal that day cost Everton a place at Wembley. It can never be proved, but there is no doubt that it did not help their chances. They were leading 1-0 at the time, ironically with a Kidd penalty.

Kidd's other 'early bath' was in the Third Round against Wigan at Goodison Park. Again a familiar flash of temper cost him dearly.

He was shown the yellow card more times than is fair to recall. But now Kidd has the chance to start afresh with Second Division Bolton Wanderers.

'Baffled'

Indeed, his new manager Stan Anderson made a pertinent reference to Kidd's record when he signed the former England striker in May. "He knows he'll have to count to ten more times than he has done before," he said.

The move from Goodison Park shocked Kidd. "I'm completely baffled by Gordon Lee's decision to sell me," he says.

"I admit that over the years I've been ordered off far too many times. I take no joy from being sent-off. It's a disgrace.

"I believe the number of times I've been dismissed may be the reason that I've only played for England twice. But my disciplinary record last year apparently had nothing to do with Everton's decision to let me go."

Gordon Lee confirms that: "Brian did a good job for us," he says. "But he is 31 and was only a short term proposition when I bought him from Manchester City.

"Bob Latchford is 29 and it takes a lot for two players of that age to operate well together. I tried it for



Referee Colin Seel shows Kidd the red card in the F.A. Cup Semi-Final against West Ham.

a while, but it didn't come off."

Ironically, Latchford is also seeking a move before the new season, and now Everton may be facing an acute shortage of goalscoring power.

Despite Kidd's problems, he is recognised as a model professional off the pitch. Happily married with two children he adores, along with his golf and small fishing chalet in the Lake District, it has been said of Kidd that he is too honest. He reacts immediately to incidents, usually right under a referee's nose.

"I suppose that could be true," he says. "But I don't want to start making excuses. All I know is that I never go out intending to have a go or carrying a grudge. I just want to play football."



Bolton boss Stan Anderson will be hoping to utilise Kidd's undoubted goalscoring talents.

Kidd will be playing that football in the Second Division for the first time in his career next season. He has taken his undoubted goalscoring talents to Burnden Park from Manchester United, where he won a European Cup winners medal on his 19th birthday, via Arsenal, Manchester City and, of course, Everton. He has been top scorer for each club.

"I always give 100 per cent at every club," says Kidd. "That is what I intend to do at Bolton. I'm delighted to be there. Once again it means that I don't have to leave my home town, Manchester."

Everton? "I wish them every success," he says. "They are one of the great clubs, in terms of organisation and support. I hope they win something next season."

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YOUNG blond striking hope Gary Shaw epitomises Aston Villa's hopes for the future.

Just 19, but with a string of first team games and ten goals, including an F.A. Cup hat-trick against Bristol City behind him, he was one of the scoring finds of last season.

But far from overwhelmed by his success so far, the Birmingham youngster, a lifelong Villa supporter, has adopted a nice and easy approach to get to the top.

SHAW'S FLAWS

In fact, he is surprised that manager Ron Saunders allowed him such a long first team run before giving him a much-needed rest to recuperate in the reserves.

And he admits: "I've got plenty to learn. It will be at least a couple of years before I am at full strength. So if the boss wants to keep resting me that's fine."

Don't be fooled though. England youth international Shaw is as ambitious as anyone. But he is realistic enough to realise that too much too soon could ruin his promising career.

He explains: "People don't realise how tough being a striker is, and how much it takes out of you, especially when part of a 4-4-2 system."

"Quite apart from the knocks you pick up in the box, the two front men are continually moving along the front. It's perpetual

motion, really. Defenders have a much easier time."

And Shaw can give a frank break-down of his faults.

HEADING: "That's my weakest point, and one I know I must develop. It's one reason I admire Andy Gray so much. Before he went to Wolves I watched him as often as I could. For me he's the best centre-forward I've seen at Villa."

TACKLING: "Like a lot of forwards,

I go into tackles trying to pinch the ball to use it, rather than go in full force."

WORKRATE: "That could be better. I'm trying to build up to that. I haven't started on a serious course of weights to build up my stamina yet."

Shaw, who signed for Villa straight from school as a 16-year-old, actually gave up playing for his district side — because he was playing too much.

"What with my school side Kingshurst, a Sunday side, Erdington and Saltley district and games on a Saturday afternoon in the Midland Combination, it all got too much for me."

"So in my final year at school I cut down my involvement. Nowadays, with sometimes only one game a week, life's a luxury!"

Gary Shaw (right) leaves Roy McFarland of Derby trailing as he goes for goal.




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